

Murder victim found in Wilmington

Third body to be found off of Ballardvale in 11 years

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Wilmington Police, in conjunction with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and State Police are investigating the homicide of a female in her mid-twenties. The victim's body was found burning behind a warehouse off of Olde Ballardvale Street.

At approximately 9:11 p.m. on Monday night, firefighters and police responded to a report of a brush fire on Olde Ballardvale Street.

Olde Ballardvale Street is located off of

Ballardvale Street, on the left hand side, roughly a quarter mile in from the Route 125 intersection. Though once a through-street, the construction of Interstate 93 in the early 1960's cut across Olde Ballardvale and rendered it a dead end. Only one warehouse, currently vacant, is located on Olde Ballardvale. The parcel on which the warehouse sits is part of the Agfa complex. The area that the victim's body was found burning, though desolate, is within shouting distance of Interstate

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This is the scene behind an old warehouse on Olde Ballardvale Street at which Wilmington Police discovered the burning body of an, as yet, unidentified female on Monday night. The case has been ruled a homicide and Wilmington Police are investigating along with State Police and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office.

Photo by Stephen Bjork

FY08 budget preview

Local aid funding crucial to budget

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Town Manager, Michael Caira unveiled his fiscal year 2008 (FY08) budget proposal to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, January 29. The budget of \$71,183,201 relies heavily on the continuation of the revisions made last year to local aid formulas.

Up until last year the Commonwealth's cities and town had been reeling from drastic cuts made to local aid

during the recent recession. Many of those cuts were reversed last year by the state legislature.

Wilmington's fiscal conservatism throughout the thriving economy of the late 1990's enabled the town to amass a healthy cash reserve. Unlike a vast majority of its neighbors who had not built up such a healthy "rainy day" fund, Wilmington was able to weather the cuts in local aid and maintain a balanced budget

each year by dipping into its "free cash" reserve. Wilmington's FY07 budget, for instance, used \$1.3 million worth of reserves, and FY06 used \$1.2 million.

With the anticipated help of the new local aid formulas, Caira is committed to reducing the town's reliance on its "free cash" reserves. The FY08 budget proposal limits the appropriation from free cash to \$575,000.

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WHS passes "Go," collects dough

Wilmington High lands on innovative fundraising idea

By CALT DEFERRARI

WILMINGTON - Parker Brothers better watch out. Wilmington High's seniors are putting a new spin on the die at Monopoly. The senior class council will hold a Monopoly tournament this Saturday,

February 3rd, in the Wilmington High Cafeteria.

How exactly does it work? Several groups of participants will each be assigned a table, and will fight to gain the most profit before the judges call the end of a timed round. The

person with the most money from each table at the end of the round, will proceed into the next. The tournament will be the final round and the winner will receive a cash prize. Local businesses and companies are encouraged to buy tables or give donations to the event and the proceeds will go to the senior class of Wilmington High School in order to fund end of the year activities, including the annual Lock-In, as well as the senior class gift. Registration and sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the cash prize will be awarded at approximately 4:00 p.m.

The idea for a monopoly tournament was brought to the class council by Erin Carter, a student at Wilmington High. She noted that tournament-fundraisers had been successful in other local towns such as Chelmsford High, so the students decided to give it a chance. The fundraiser stands out as an innovative concept, and will enable the entire community to become involved. A full day of family fun, a gathering, a supportive community and...a cash prize.

Students will be donating their time and money on Saturday February 3rd, to run concession stands, act as bankers and judges, and many will be participating in the tournament as well. The senior class council, Erin Carter (tournament chair), and



other volunteering students and parents will work hard to ensure the tournament's success. Members of the council include Secretary Cara Jenkins, Treasurer Stef Williams, Vice-President Christine Cassim, and President Danielle Bamberg. Bamberg estimates between 30-50 participants, and hopes that the tournament will bring anywhere from \$500-\$1,000 dollars into the account of the senior class. The response has been great from the students, but now they are looking to spread the word to local companies and members of the general population. A ten dollar registration fee is all it costs, and any participants ten and older from any town are welcomed.

Come with friends and take a swing at walking out with a full wallet, or bring the kids for a fun, family day. There's something for everyone this Saturday at the Monopoly tournament. So donate, play, enjoy, and take your shot at Uncle Pennybag's Loose Change.

Interested in helping out?

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Political season is in full swing and the march toward Wilmington's annual town election and annual town meeting is well underway. But what does Wilmington's Board of Library Trustees actually do? What is the scope of authority carried by the Board of Selectmen? How much of Wilmington's educational curriculum falls within the School Committee's purview? As a service to our readers, this year the Town Crier will run a series of articles detailing the functions and responsibilities of the various boards and committees with positions appearing on this year's ballot. The process that shapes Wilmington's annual town meeting each year will also be explored, as we get closer to its scheduled date of May 5th.

A Closer Look

Wilmington Housing Authority

By JULIE FENNELL

WILMINGTON - The Housing Authority consists of five members, each serving a five year term. Four of the members are elected by town residents and one member is appointed by the governor. Current members include John P. Goggin, Chairman, William Hooper, Robert DiPasquale, and

Marilyn Cox. Dorothy Butler recently resigned from the Housing Authority. Both Butler's and Cox's seats are open for the 2007 election.

Butler is resigning after serving a total of seventeen years on the Authority. The individual elected to fill her seat will serve the remainder of her term.

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Diffident recluse

Collection coming to Harnden Tavern

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Call him Henry Wilson Sargent or call him "Henny Penny." He had a most impressive family tree - and a very strange personality.

Henry Wilson Sargent was born in Wilmington more than 200 years after his forebears settled here. You couldn't find a more rock-solid lineage. When you examine his family tree, you find links to the oldest of Wilmington families: Butters, Harnden, Jaquith, Eames and Buck. His first name was from

his grandfather, Henry Buck. His middle name was from the vice president of the United States, Henry Wilson of New Hampshire.

In 1672, Ephraim Buck built what is now the oldest house in Wilmington, known as the Benjamin Buck house. Benjamin and his brother Jonathan were wealthy farmers, raising hops. Jonathan built a house next door to his brother's, now known as the Darius Buck house, where

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Alex Trebeck in the classroom?

Shawsheen Tech teacher to appear on "Jeopardy!"

By JULIE FENNELL

BILLERICA - Tim Woodward has been teaching English to sophomores and juniors at Shawsheen Valley Regional Technical High School for the past two years, but he's been watching Jeopardy! his entire life. The self-proclaimed "trivia geek" from Salem, NH was offered the opportunity of a

lifetime recently when television producers invited him to be a contestant. This week Woodward boarded a plane for Los Angeles and will be taping his segment at Sony Studios in Culver City, CA.

Woodward said, "I always wanted to be on Jeopardy! and last January I was watching it when an ad came on about Boston auditions. I had to go in and take an online test, and I passed it. It was really hard. It had fifty questions on different random topics like 'Food starting with the letter G.' The hardest thing about the test is that it's really fast and you don't have long to answer each question."

He elaborated, "After I passed the online test, I was invited in

for an interview and a written test in April. In the interview they asked what my first memory of Jeopardy! was. I said 'I don't even know! My father's been a fan for so long that I just grew up watching it!'"

"Then they do a mock game to see how you'll be as a contestant," explained Woodward. "They want to see if you have a good personality and won't freeze under pressure. I wasn't nervous at all. Teaching makes you good in front of a crowd."

"They called me shortly after that and left me a message saying they wanted me to be on the show. I got very excited and called them back, but it took a few days for us to connect playing phone tag. I was nervous, because not everyone that gets

invited actually gets to tape it."

About a thousand people pass the lengthy audition process and are invited to be contestants. However, only fifty percent of them will actually get the opportunity to appear on the show.

Woodward, who had once auditioned unsuccessfully for College Jeopardy!, is no stranger to game shows and had previously appeared on Paranoia, a Fox Family channel game show in the late 1990s. While attending film school at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, Woodward became that trivia show's top winner raking in \$61,500. The short-lived show was cancelled after one month.

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Tim Woodward, an English teacher at Shawsheen Tech, is currently in California taping his appearance on Jeopardy!, which is scheduled to air sometime in April.

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Liam Bennett, Alyssa Bell and Meghan Barrasso enjoyed an educational music demonstration by "Ball in the House" sponsored by each of the elementary school P.A.C.'s and the Wilmington Educational Foundation. These students of the North Intermediate were treated to the program on Monday. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux - www.printroom.com/pro/shootingstars)

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The U.S. Postal Service is asking consumers to "read up, reach, out and be an informed consumer" in attempt to fight fraud during National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) Feb. 4 to 10.

Postmasters Michael E. DiGregorio, Wilmington, and Joanna M. Louf, Tewksbury, and Sally Florio, manager of consumer affairs for the Massachusetts Postal District, said the theme is intended to encourage consumers to empower themselves and find information they need to make wise purchase decisions and avoid scams.

They advise consumers to:
Read up: Know your rights. Research issues. Know what you're getting into. Be an educated consumer. Information can be found in many ways.

Reach out: Know who to contact, where to find resources, and where to file a complaint. Help educate family, friends and civic groups about what you have learned.

They identified the following as typical types of fraud:

—Identity theft: Fraudsters use your credit cards and other personal information for personal gain.

—Investment schemes: Promise "no risk" and/or "high returns," if you act fast, but the offer is phony.

—Foreign lotteries: Even legitimate foreign lotteries are illegal in the United States, so there is no way to win.

—Internet fraud: The Internet provides a new way to conduct frauds of all kinds like phishing schemes (feature fake e-mails that solicit personal information; and pharming (an elaborate form of phishing with fake Web sites again designed to

"harvest" your personal information.

—Work-at-home fraud: Many varieties ask for money up front before the victim can start to earn. Money may go to buy supplies to build products at home or special mailing lists to support envelope stuffing business, but profits never materialize.

—Pyramid scheme: In this scam, early victims of an investment-type scheme receive money from later victims, but before long there are not enough new victims and the scam ends with losses all around, except for the con artist, that is.

—Free prize scheme: A "small" payment is required before the "free" prize can be released. If the lucky winner does get a prize-many do not-it will be worth only a fraction of the payment.

What can consumers do to protect themselves from fraud?

They said: "Use common sense. Take your time when responding to offers. Investigate. Talk to family, friends, and local consumer protection experts. Educate yourself about fraud. Know who you are dealing with and protect your personal information."

"Every year thousands of people and businesses are victimized by fraudulent schemes. In general, consumers should be skeptical of any offer that sounds 'too good to be true,'" they said.

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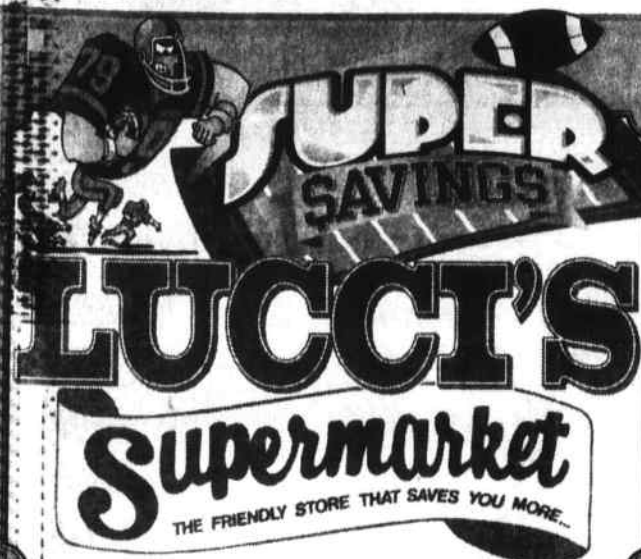
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Letters to the editor

Sickened by Miceli's vote

Dear Editor,
I am sickened with Rep. Miceli's vote to support the proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage - and have struggled to draft a proper response.

As an Army veteran of 8 years, I am angered that Miceli thinks that 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness' should not include me. As a resident of Wilmington, I am embarrassed that our town is included when the Boston Globe speaks of 'A Shameful Reversal of Rights'. And as a gay man, I am saddened to realize that my local representative has chosen to send a message of intolerance, basically telling the gay and lesbian members of this community that we are, in his mind, second class citizens.

The six happiest years of my life, six of my twelve years in Wilmington, were spent with my partner until his death in 2001. My photo album is full of pictures of both his family and mine, and my family still speaks of the positive impact my partner had on their lives. Just last week my sister reminded me of the time, when our mother was dying of cancer, when my partner stood in the kitchen preparing home-made soup. People never hear about those good things, and they never hear about the discrimination same-sex couples face every day, such as how I was treated by the funeral director - who had to be bad-

gered into putting my name on the obituary, only hours after my partner's death. My sister, from Vermont, was appalled, and told him that things are different there. "Well, we all want it to be a perfect world, but it's not," he said sardonically. None of us is looking for a perfect world, just one where the most powerful nation on earth treats all of its citizens with dignity and respect. My partner and I had spent thousands of dollars on the proper legal documents to ensure that our relationship would be protected. But because I was not his spouse, he felt he had the right to fill the saddest day of my life with hatred.

A friend recently said, "Miceli is letting his Catholic upbringing get in the way of common sense." And he is right. It only takes common sense to see that all citizens should be afforded the same protections under the law. John F. Kennedy once said, "Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others." Luckily, Representative Miceli will have another opportunity to show that he is indeed a man of common sense, and that Wilmington is a place of tolerance, where people can be committed to their own beliefs yet accept those who believe differently.

Sincerely,
Edward H. Jones
Wilmington

All it needs is love

Dear Editor,
What a pleasure it is to go to the Wilmington library. The changes that are going on have such an upbeat feel to them. It reminds me of Charlie Brown's Christmas tree, "All it needs is

a little bit of love".

A big "Thank You" to Tina Stewart and her staff for changing the atmosphere of a library that is coming into it's own.

Margaret Tremblay
Wilmington



Students at Wilmington's North Intermediate School participated in the Lowell Sun Spelling Bee last week. Amanda Richards' word was cosmetic and spelling it correctly brought her into the next round.

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Canine Corner

by Steve Bonaccorsi

Communications and Leadership are key to controlling canine behavior

According to research from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, many of the pets brought to shelters are surrendered because of behavior problems that their owners believe to be permanent. Approximately 70 percent of these animals end up being "put to sleep," making death from behavior problems the leading cause of pet mortality, ahead of trauma and disease. This means thousands of dogs are euthanized every year - the vast majority unnecessarily.

Many dog owners buy a dog with the intention that he will be a member of the family, only to discover that the dog becomes the de facto head of the household. A dog's instinctual behavior is to challenge the pack member above him and in turn be challenged by the dog below. Within the mixed human-dog pack, dogs behave the same. This can lead to undesirable behaviors such as charging the door when the doorbell rings, barking, jumping, pulling on the leash and even biting which are top reasons dogs are mistreated and euthanized.

Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company, was started in Australia in 1989 by Sylvia and Danny Wilson, expert dog trainers and authors of several dog training books. Sylvia was head of an RSPCA shelter and studied the behavior and communication methods of dogs for years. She was saddened by the number of dogs she saw being maltreated, abandoned and euthanized for behavioral problems, which she knew was due to a lack of consistent leadership.

This became the basis for creating the unique, natural training techniques that teach owners how to train their dogs through the use of voice tones and body language, all geared toward putting the owner in control through effective leadership. These techniques have propelled Bark Busters' phenomenal growth - now with more than 300 offices in 8 countries, including 190+ offices in the United States.

With more than one of every three households owning a dog in the U.S., thousands of people are looking for help to solve their dog's behavior problems. Understanding the keys to pack behavior and following a few simple guidelines can help owners establish leadership and begin controlling a dog's behavior:

- Because dogs crave strong leadership, if they don't get it from their owners, they'll try to take charge. That leads to bad behavior such as barking, jumping, aggression and pulling on the leash each examples of the dog taking charge. The owner needs to win all challenges to demonstrate leadership.

- There are several ways to establish leadership. First, ignore all requests from the dog, such as nudges to be petted or played with. To do so, break eye contact. Then, when the dog has "given up," call him back to you to be petted or to play. When he responds to you, versus you to him, he sees you as the leader. If he misbehaves, such as chewing on a child's toy, correct his behavior with a forceful, low-

toned growl ("BAH"). As soon as it stops, offer pleasant, high-toned praise. The dog will understand its mistake and respect you as the pack leader.

- In the wild the leader always leads the pack-literally. Establish your leadership by always leading your dog-up and down stairs, through doorways, and especially on walks. Remember, the leader always leads.

Most dog owners simply accept the disruptive or aggressive behavior of their dogs because they think it's normal or don't know how to change it. Learning about pack leadership and canine communication is incredibly interesting for most dog-lovers. Gaining a better understanding of the dog psyche strengthens the human-canine connection, and learning how to communicate

effectively with your dog in a language it understands - voice control and body language - is a critical step in establishing leadership and control, which can eliminate many behavioral issues. Through effective training, many dogs can be saved from being abandoned or unnecessarily euthanized.

Steve Bonaccorsi, a Wilmington resident and WHS Class of '84 graduate, is a Dog Behavioral Therapist with Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company. Its dog behavioral therapists have trained more than 300,000 dogs worldwide and are renowned authorities in the area of correcting dog behavior. For more information visit www.barkbusters.com.



Reporting from Iraq

by Peter Dolan

"Sir, hopefully we'll have a nice quiet ride up to Balad, but if anything goes down out there, you don't worry about a thing. Just sit back in the ASV and relax. This is a 50cal machine gun, and it causes serious damage from a long way off. And this, this is a Mark 19 grenade launcher. It is also accurate to great distance, and trust me, you don't want to be anywhere near these grenades when they explode. We are definitely ridin' dirty." The 1060th Transportation Company had gathered in a lot across the road from its tactical operations center, before departing on an overnight mission to Balad, 50 miles of bad road away. Staff Sergeant Robert Lacerte of Sandwich, assigned to protect me as a "battle buddy," was giving me a tour of the armored security vehicle I would be riding in. Soon there would be a final briefing, concluding with a prayer by the battalion chaplain, and the 1060th would be rolling outside the wire.

The 1060th Transportation Company is a Massachusetts National Guard unit based at Camp Taji. Taji is a large base 20 miles northwest of Baghdad, and like all bases in the Sunni Triangle it is a target of indirect fire. In the week that I have been here there has been outgoing artillery every day, targeting the enemy when he is detected preparing, or in the act of, indirect rocket and mortar fire. On Friday morning mortars hit the gate of Camp Taji, wounding two American soldiers.

There is a village just outside the wire from the area of Camp where the 1060th resides. If you are awake at dawn you are guaranteed to hear the local cleric wailing away on a loudspeaker in the adhan, the Muslim call to prayer. When he finishes, the ubiquitous electric purring of an unmanned aerial surveillance drone may be heard, if it is not drowned out by the sounds of a pack of wild dogs, barking as they roam the countryside.

The 1060th is a moderate sized company and is out humping the Army's main supply routes, lousy with hidden IED's, virtually every night. They routinely cover from Balad to Baghdad to Rustamayah, with occasional missions to Fallujah, as far north as Mosul, and as far south as Karbala. Deployed in September, they have been remarkably fortunate to date, with zero KIA's.

In the Civil War soldiers referred to their first taste of

the battlefield as "seeing the elephant." Here in Iraq the battlefield is amorphous, the enemy rarely seen. But the casualties are consistent in origin and, with only occasional variations, fall into three categories; sniper fire, indirect fire, and improvised explosive devices. The latter is the most common, and for the 1060th it is this threat that is their constant companion. In Iraq the supply routes may not be classic battlefields, but they surely are killing fields.

It is difficult to articulate the severity of the threat level on these main supply routes. Despite constant patrolling by EOD (explosive ordinance disposal) teams, infantry patrols, and eyes in the sky, the routes are attacked, without exception, several times a day. Fortunately, less than 10% of IED attacks result in fatalities. The army vehicles are increasingly well armored, and the surveillance on the supply routes is constant. On this mission the 1060th left base after midnight. By the time they had arrived at Balad and completed their assigned duties the decision was made to spend the day resting in preparation for the return trip to Taji the following night, and they were assigned temporary barracks. America owns the night here, but when the sun comes up, the enemy will come out. He does not take days off. The insurgents lack the technology that gives the Americans the upper hand after dark. But there are no certainties and tactics evolve. On this night a report came over the radio that a sister transportation company was hit by an IED closer to Baghdad. An ASV had been hit and damaged, but the three American soldiers inside were only lightly wounded. The IED's had been hidden under a bridge overpass.

The route from Taji to Balad is dreary, bordered on both sides by empty fields of tall perennial reeds, with occasional villages populated by the Sunni Arabs that dominate the region. The advantage of the darkness is tempered somewhat by the fact that, because of it, the drivers and guntrucks are less likely to spot potential IED's along the side of the road. They must trust that the EOD teams have cleared them, and if not, that their armor will protect them from the caprice of the daily IED fatalities. It is a blind faith that is a prerequisite for the position. The armor is swell, but they all know it can be cut through like warm butter if hit by the wrong IED. Many Abrams tanks, despite their

depleted uranium armor and 60 ton weight, have been ripped apart by the hidden bombs. They have all seen or heard of the massive crater that resulted from a hidden IED on their route to Balad a couple of months ago. Fortunately it detonated mistakenly when the route was empty, but the resulting crater took five days for the engineers to repair. It was so large that before beginning its work, a team of engineers in a Humvee drove down one side of it and out the other.

The overall Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Navrkal of Nebraska, presides over twice daily intelligence briefings in a nondescript warehouse on Camp. Inside, a huge sandpit has been set up with each main supply route, built to specification in miniature form, replete with bridges, villages and alternate routes. Here, the enemy's tactics are constantly analyzed in copious detail. As I met with Lt. Colonel Navrkal in his office one morning, he commented on the 1060th, "Listen, the training these men and women receive is absolutely outstanding, they know how to react in any situation. The armor on the vehicles we use, as you can see, is as good as it gets. But there is something else that you must possess, to be able to get in a vehicle, drive outside the wire, and go off on a mission 50 miles away in the Sunni Triangle, and that is courage. Every one of them that go out on these mis-

sions possesses it, or they would not be able to do this job. These are great Americans and you can be proud of them."

On this particular mission the unit left Camp Taji at 12:30 a.m., and headed north along the supply route. Ten miles north, Sergeant Frank Gorman of Lynn pointed out a crater and debris on the side of the road, the scene of an IED attack that evening. The attack had left no casualties, and the engineers would have the small crater repaired by dawn. The trip north was slow, bogged down by heavy fog that enveloped the road about an hour outside of Taji, requiring all trucks to kill their headlights. The night vision goggles were now useless, and the advantage America was now deuce. The tension inside the ASV went up, but Sergeant Gorman used macabre humor, common among soldiers here, to lighten the mood. As we inched our way forward and the minutes dragged, he said, "Man I don't know where the insurgents are tonight, but if I were one I'd be in this fog and just lighting you guys up something fierce". The laughter came free and easy in the guntruck, and an hour later we reached the front gate of Camp Anaconda. It was almost 4:00 a.m., and the 1060th trudged off to the dining facility for breakfast, and then made its way to their temporary housing barracks to sleep.

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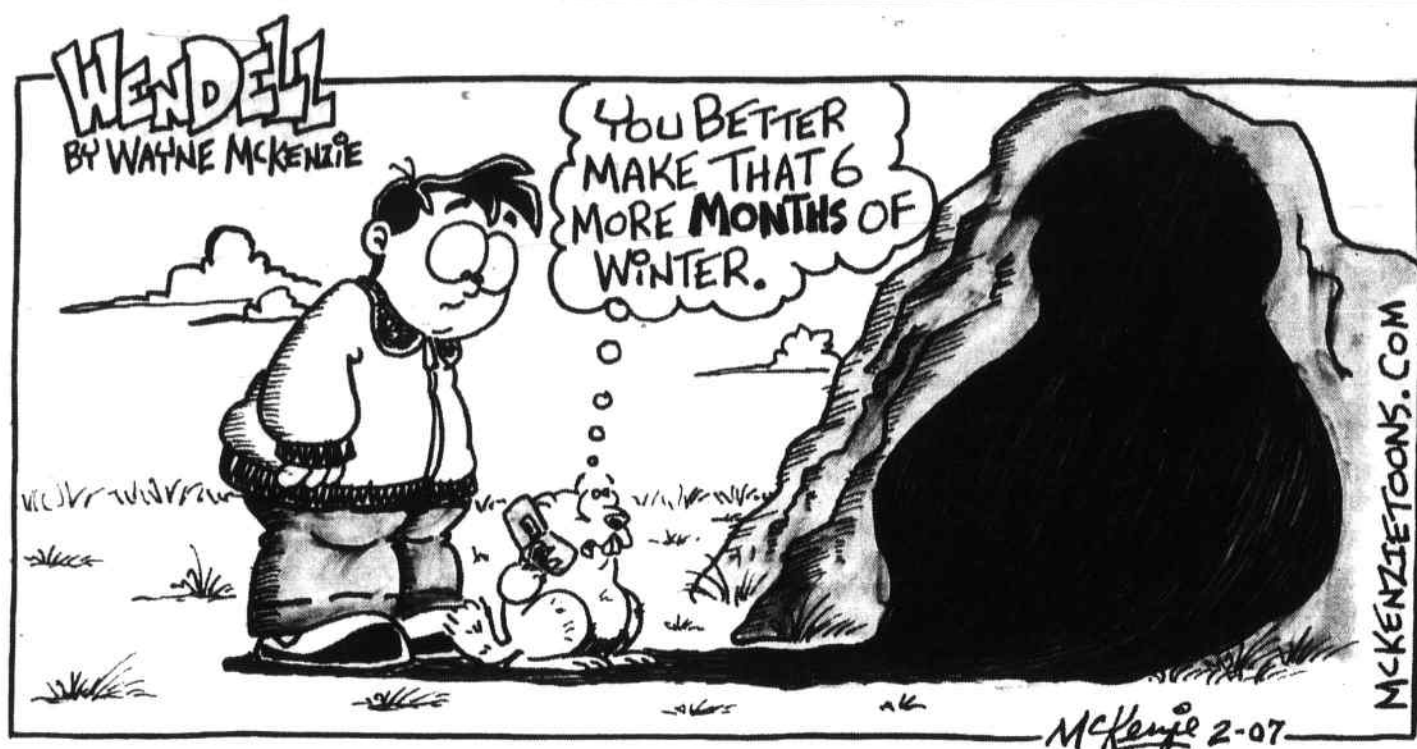
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Czech Yourself

by Tina Fabiano

After residing in the Czech Republic for about a week now, I've realized that saying this country is multifaceted is a big understatement.

This past weekend I participated in an excursion to Moravia, the southeastern region of the Czech Republic, where we stayed in the capital city of Brno.

Compared to the bustle of Prague, Brno is relatively quiet. There are no expatriates looking for a place to write or compose or perform. Instead, the area is calm and relaxed with few, but equally enticing, historical landmarks such as Spilberk Castle and the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul. Despite being smaller than Prague, Brno still manages to place a KFC on practically every corner. Imagine walking around the Metro-Boston area and envisioning a KFC in place of every Dunkin' Donuts. It's a phenomenon that will forever boggle my mind.

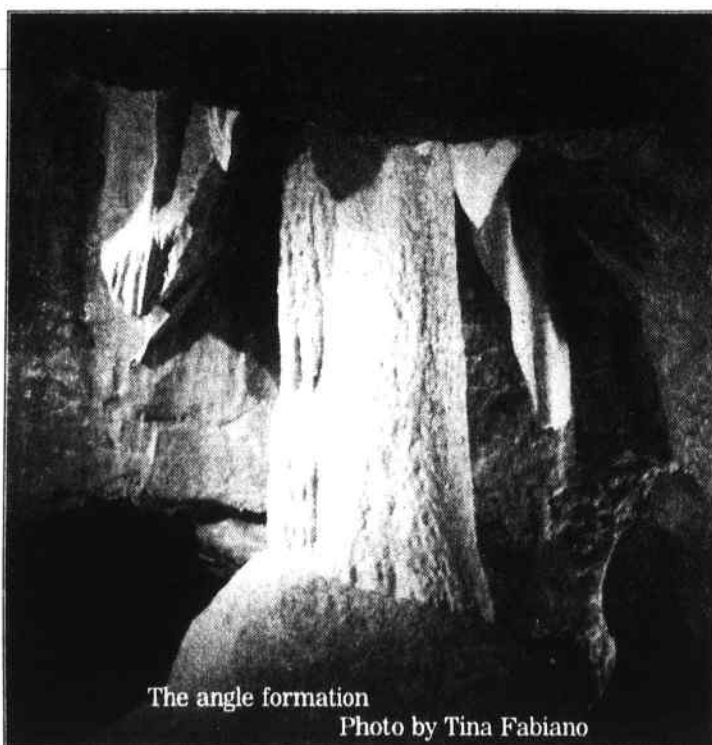
Of all the things Moravia is famous for, be it the monastery that Gregor Mendel founded genetics in or one of the architecturally stunning gothic cathedrals, Moravia is often noted for its wine and caves, both of which I visited on my three day jaunt.

Nestled in the heart of Moravia is a place called Cow Mountain where the landscape is dotted with clusters of tiny homes, vineyards, and wine cellars. The owners of the wine cellar's even crafted a makeshift and entertaining constitution for Cow Mountain that include rules governing how one is punished if they are caught spilling any wine out of their glasses (the punishment: banished from the wine cellar and forced to live with an ugly woman) and how people should properly toast to each other before drinking (a hearty Na Zdravi!).

Being away from the United States has been quite different in many respects, but the one difference that has made adjusting most difficult has been the difference in food. As we sat down at our long tables that lined the walls of the wine cellar, the wait staff came out in droves and put a plate of chicken and vegetables in front of each of us. The vegetables were raw, which is common in the Czech Republic, but the chicken had been grilled in a slightly tangy, lemon-peppery marinade that reminded each participant of a home cooked, American meal. It was the best thing I had eaten in days. Despite how delicious (and cheap) the

wine was, I get the feeling that everyone on the trip was most thankful for the chicken.

Although it was enjoyable sitting cramped in the tiny wine cellar eating American style chicken and sipping fancy wine, nothing could compare to the cave experience. Not even the chicken. In southern Moravia lies a conservation land called the Moravian Karst that houses four caves.



The angle formation
Photo by Tina Fabiano

Included in this underground cavern world filled with stalagmites, stalactites, and passages where an underground river flows is a giant, world famous abyss named the Machoca Abyss. The Machoca Abyss was at one time a large cave until the ceiling collapsed, thus forming the deepest abyss in all of Central Europe.

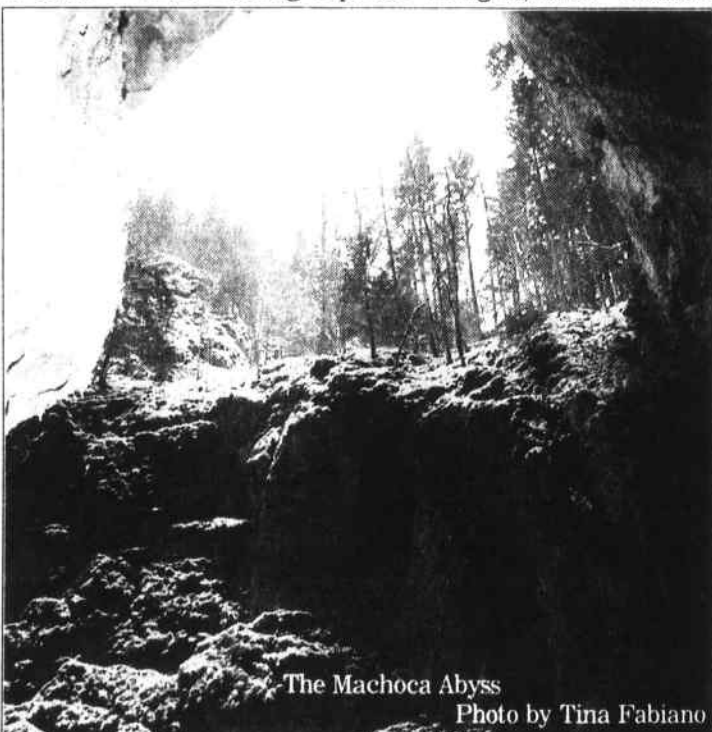
That morning I pulled on tights, tube

socks, jeans, two shirts, a fleece and my ski coat as I'd been told the caves would reach a chilly zero degrees Fahrenheit. When we arrived, I discovered the caves to be a balmy forty degrees with the inside of my jacket reaching temperatures comparable to that of the Amazon Basin. So much for my first time being prepared.

Upon entering each cave are long, carved corridors that lead into the ancient caverns. Inside are stalagmites and stalactites that are thousands of years old and some are still growing. The tour guide, whose fast Czech was translated to us by an interpreter, pointed out formations that looked like castles, various animals and even an angel. The tour guide explained that only the bottom half of the angel was visible and the rest of her was high above in the heavens. Trying to spot a giraffe in the clouds that someone else points out is often difficult, but these cave formations looked so much like owls, waterfalls, and elephant heads that I could determine what they were before the interpreter announced what we should look for next.

When I was exchanging my left-over British pounds for Czech crowns, I paused before I let my last coin roll onto the bank counter. In my hand was a two pound coin with an inscription on the edge that read, "Standing on the shoulders of giants." When we left the caves and emerged into the Machoca Abyss, all I could think of as I stood at the bottom of the canyon staring up into the opening was how small I felt in this gargantuan setting. I had never felt that way before. It was almost dreamlike. I suppose the reality of being one person observing such a huge world never really settled until I experienced it for myself instead of trying to understand it through reading other people's life adventures. Looking up into the opening where the ceiling of the abyss had collapsed and observing the snowy trees and earth that were concaving into this giant hole in the ground hundreds of feet above my head is something I won't soon forget; not only because of its beauty, but also because of that surreal feeling of smallness.

So when I look back on this particular trip, I'll remember a few things: don't forget to keep an open mind, don't spill your wine, and, above all else, don't forget that home is anywhere you can find a good piece of grilled chicken.



The Machoca Abyss
Photo by Tina Fabiano



Recent arrests by our alert police officers, both on and off-duty, is not by luck alone. The pro-active Wilmington Police force is to be admired! To the criminal element, in language they'll understand... "If you're up to no good, stay out of our 'hood!"
Wilmington



How appropriate of Tewksbury to raise the water rates. Who knew that by conserving water you were going to have to pay more for it? A lesson for all. This sounds more like something Wilmington would pull shame on those in charge.
Wilmington



It is sad to watch the decline of the "state-of-the-art" skatepark next to the tennis courts at the Shawsheen Elementary School. The dunderheads that have at the section of fence completely out, tag the ramps with graffiti and basically trash the place should be ashamed of themselves.
Wilmington



The new gas station on Route 38 in Wilmington is flying American flags, which is great. But they are flying a Lebanese flag over the American flags. There's nothing wrong with flying a Lebanese flag, but in this country no flag should be flown over an American flag. It could be that the owners just aren't aware of proper U.S. flag etiquette, but if they want my business, they'll put the American flag on top.
Wilmington

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Yoga at Wilmington's Family Medical Center

Yoga, taught in the Vinyoga style, is now being offered at Winchester Hospital's Family Medical Center (FMC) in Wilmington on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

This new 10-week series for will be taught in the conference room at FMC, 500 Salem Street

in Wilmington. The entire session costs \$150.

For more information on this new class at FMC or the ongoing Tuesday class, please call Winchester Hospital's Community Health Institute at (781) 756-4700.

Bill Meuse of Tewksbury selected to the New England football conference Bogan Division 2nd team

Bill Meuse, a 2003 graduate of Tewksbury High School, was selected to the New England Football Conference Bogan Division Second Team. Meuse, a 5'10 senior wide receiver, was one of the Rams captains in 2005 and 2006. Meuse finished

his senior season second in the NEFC in receiving yards with 775 and receptions with 37 catches. He set the school record for catches in a game with 17 in the Rams Homecoming Day loss to Maine Maritime.

Heroin Probation officers turn up the H.E.A.T.

-Heroin is everywhere, they say.

By JIM HAGGERTY

WOBURN - The heroin awareness program through the Woburn District Court is unrelenting and is continuing on an hourly and day-to-day basis, according to two Woburn Court probation officers.

Probation Officers Michael Higgins and Vincent Piro are out daily preaching the need for such a program to schools, parents groups, service clubs, nurses and others.

The H.E.A.T. (Heroin Education Awareness Task Force) program was born some 18 months ago and received major attention just a month ago as an alarming number of new heroin users have hit the area and the Woburn Court.

The Woburn Court covers Burlington, Winchester, Reading, North Reading, Stoneham, Wilmington and Wilmington through the local police departments. The need, said Higgins at a luncheon of

the Woburn Rotary Club in recent days, has not abated as overdoses are still regularly reported to police and the courts.

The H.E.A.T. Initiative is one where all seven police departments in the area have come together to address the continuing problem of heroin abuse.

Both Piro and Higgins told the group at the Holiday Inn Select that it was their belief that based on their professional knowledge, "the heroin abuse situation is spiraling out of control and getting worse on a daily basis."

Being on the front lines, they said, they observe its devastating effects on individuals, especially young men and girls, as well as on families, on a daily basis.

The two urged family members, who they described as "the best probation officers" to be on the look for a host of tell-tale signs of heroin use, such as a major changes in friends,

school habits, work habits, dress and general lifestyle changes.

"There is a serious heroin problem in our area," said Higgins firmly. "All you have to do is look at the police logs in the city and towns we cover."

Back years ago, heroin was considered a substance used by low life in urban settings but not more, they point out. The problem is in one's own backyard.

"It is really hitting young girls 17-21," reported Higgins. At one time, he pointed out, there were 300-plus beds for males in the state where they could be sent for treatment and rehabilitation and only six beds for women. The courts, he pointed out, had nowhere to send them or programs to address the problem.

In March, 2005, Higgins and Piro and others at the Woburn Probation office decided to take things into their own hands to stop repeat users.

The problem, they noted, could be scored by the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) that placed the areas heroin problem #3 in the nation. The influx of overdoses was apparent, they said. It got so bad in two neighboring communities in the Woburn Court area, some 7 individuals in one community and 6 in another in the Class of 2000 died from overdoses after some research was done. "Something had to be done," they said.

In general, what happens is that a heroin user stops for awhile during trial or detoxification but then comes out and takes the same amount of dosage that they tolerated beforehand...only to find it kills them, they said.

The usual route, they pointed out, is taking pain killers from medicine cabinets at home or at the urging of a friend. Then it progresses from the Percocet to OxyContin to heroin, which is far cheaper than OxyContin.

Heroin is now selling for \$4 to \$5 a bag in Lowell.

"Make no mistake about it," insisted Higgins, a veteran of 27 years as a Probation Officer, "heroin is in every high school in the area."

Therapeutic
The birth of the H.E.A.T. program is a model for the state and for other courts, noted the probation officers, who are now working with the Malden District Court on implementing a program for their communities.

The focus of the program is to educate the individual and to provide treatment for those entrapped in the grips of heroin usage.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognized the dire need for such a program and funded it for \$240,000 the last fiscal year, especially through efforts of local legislators. The Woburn Court now works through a treatment facility in Danvers. The SADD

program in Danvers, they said, is free to the person checking in, so cost should not be a factor in wanting to get major help.

"It's a person's worst nightmare and it's a parents worst nightmare," intoned Piro, citing case-after-case where thousands of dollars were spent trying to correct a son or daughter's addiction. "We're serious when we say the parents are the real probation officers," said Piro, a veteran of 15 years at the Woburn Court Probation Office.

The Danvers program, it is pointed out, also includes free transportation to get the individual help. At any point, the person can leave, but normally, it's an intense 3- to 7-day awareness program. The program also includes a Stabilization Unit.

Senator Tarr secures rules changes in the Senate



BOSTON- Senate Assistant Minority Leader Bruce E. Tarr (R-Gloucester) said today that he and several colleagues were successful in securing five rules changes that will make the operations of the state Senate stronger, more transparent and more accessible to the public. The changes co-sponsored by Tarr were adopted in yesterday's formal session of the Senate and include:

2. The creation of a system whereby the results of all roll call votes taken in the Senate be published on the internet.

3. The provision of immediate access for broadcast television stations to Senate proceedings so that news broadcasts may contain coverage of Senate sessions, particularly before regular broadcasts begin.

4. A requirement that the resignation of a Senator become effective within 14 days of submission to the Senate President.

5. A requirement that budgets being considered by the Senate identify long-term obligations such as bonded or pension liabilities and related payments.

"These straightforward changes will make the Senate a stronger institution," said Tarr. He added that "they will also give the public, a greater chance to be involved in our democracy and our state government."

The rules adopted by the Senate in yesterday's session will govern the body for the 2007-2008 legislative session.

1. A requirement that a Senate committee charged with the television broadcast of Senate sessions complete its work by April 1 to ensure that the public can conveniently observe formal proceedings.



Wilmington friends donated their hair to Locks of Love. Brianna O'Donoghue and Mia Buscone, age 8, recently donated their hair to Locks of Love at Hair Extreme in Wilmington. Mia donated 10 inches and Brianna donated 9 inches. This is the second time Brianna has donated her hair.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization which provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss. If you would like any additional information you can visit the website at www.locksoflove.org or Locks of Love at 2925 10th Avenue North, Lakewood, FL 33461.

Jennifer Giannotti moves to new location

TEWKSBURY - Jennifer Giannotti has just relocated to the Fresh Looks Salon at 2144 Main St. in Tewksbury, next to Bernard's Jewelers and Giovannis.

Ms. Giannotti has over 20 years experience as a stylist. Formerly with A Touch of Class Salon, Giannotti appreciates the opportunity to provide the same

excellent level of service at her new location.

The Fresh Looks Salon offers Full Services for hair, skin, and nail care as well as various waxing services, and massage therapy.

Giannotti notes, "I hope to see old friends at my convenient new location and to greeting lots of new customers, too."

Saloka honored as Shawsheen Tech Student of the Month

BILLERICA - John Saloka of Wilmington was honored as the Senior of the Month at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School for January.



Saloka, the son of John and Darina Saloka, is looking forward to a career in engineering thanks to a successful four years in the electrical program at

Shawsheen Tech.

"John is an awesome student," said David Frongillo, an electrical teacher at the vocational technical school. "He is a very hard worker both academically and in his technical studies. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is always working to improve

himself."

Saloka plans on attending college, hopefully the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, to study either electrical engineering or structural engineering.

Saloka has enjoyed plenty of activities at Shawsheen Tech including the Skills USA competitions. Last year, Saloka won a gold medal at the district event in residential wiring and advanced to the state finals.

"I beat out my friend, she was a senior," laughed Saloka, whose father is a licensed electrician. "I was standing on the podium a little higher than she was."

The ninth-ranked student in the senior class with a 3.85 grade-point average, Saloka is an honor-roll student at Shawsheen Tech.

He works a paid internship through Shawsheen's cooperative education program at Stillian Electric in Georgetown.



It was jaw-dropping news for Madison Knibbs' when her friend Sabrina Doyle was awarded 1st prize for the 3rd grade Brownies at the Powderpuff Derby held at St. Williams' Church on Saturday. Both young ladies are from Wilmington and are with Troop 941.

Photo by Denise Blair

Local resident receives Lifestyle Coach certification

WILMINGTON (Grassroots Newswire) - Kathy Phillips of Wilmington has recently been certified as a Transitions Lifestyle Coach after completing an intensive training program led by Shari Lieberman, Ph.D., best-selling author and nutrition scientist.

In order to be certified, Phillips was taught to understand the body chemistry as it relates to food and weight loss through a variety of scientific behavioral journals and other studies.

"The training went beyond the science to help me understand how to help people change their behavior. So many people have been failed by diets that didn't allow them to understand the science behind why they lose and why they gain it back," Phillips said.

As a Transitions Lifestyle Coach, Phillips will be able to coach others to effectively lose weight through both a scientific and psychological approach.

"Half the battle against weight gain is the support mechanism. It's easy to fail on your own. But with a coach, you have someone there to help you understand why your body plateaus and what you can do to get through that," Phillips added.

The Transitions Lifestyle System is a weight management solution based on a low-glycemic index diet and includes a letter of commitment along with a daily journal that requires the participant to log their daily meals and exercise.

"I believe that through a good support network and an educational approach, anyone can manage their weight and maintain a happy, healthy lifestyle," Phillips added.

The Transitions program is a complete weight management system that includes dietary supplements, prepared meals, bars, shakes and support materials. The line is sold exclusively through independent Market America distributors.

For more information, contact Kathy Phillips at 978-809-7714.

WCTV Community Television

New Community Outreach Coordinator

WILMINGTON - The staff of WCTV is happy to introduce our new Community Outreach Coordinator, Mike Morrisey.

Mike Morrisey comes to WCTV via years in the media in television, radio and public relations/issue advocacy. His skills in television news coverage in both videography, video editing, program production and sports program production have earned him countless credits on WBZ TV, WLVI TV, WHDH TV, NECN, ESPN, Home & Garden, Fox Sports Network and others.

As community activists, Mike and his wife Jean have worked tirelessly for the passage and implementation of the Baby Safe Haven laws in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, and founded the Baby Safe Haven New England Foundation. Mike is also on the Board of Directors of the National Safe Haven Alliance helping to contribute to the education and promotion of Safe Haven laws across the country.

His now six-year advocacy has brought Mike, and Jean, from behind the camera to in front of the lenses and microphones on both regional and national television, as well as radio. Mike very recently appeared twice nationally on CNN's Headline News' Nancy Grace Show contributing his expertise on Baby Safe Haven laws across the country.

As the WCTV Community Outreach Coordinator Mike looks forward to working with Wilmington's community orga-

nizations, public officials and individuals on bringing their concepts of media outreach to fruition and helping to enhance the community dialog for improved information dissemination.

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OBITUARIES

Katherine "Kay" Leverone

Formerly of Wilmington

Katherine "Kay" (Pike) Leverone 79 passed away at "home" in the Belknap County Nursing Home on Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

She was born in Dorchester Massachusetts on May 10, 1927, the daughter of Harold and Elsie (Murherin) Pike.

Kay was formerly of Wilmington, MA, and Ashland, NH. She worked for many years in the electronics field for both Sylvania Electric and Avco in MA. Kay is retired from DAKA, the food service at Plymouth State College. She was predeceased by her husband Martin M. Leverone.

She is survived by a son Robert M. Leverone of Wilmington, MA., and a daughter Karen Downing of

Plymouth, NH., 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, a brother, Harold Pike of Rumney, NH and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were on Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Mayhew Funeral Home, 12 Langdon Street, Plymouth, N.H. A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Agnes Catholic Church, Hill Ave. Ashland, N.H. Dupuis Funeral Home Ashland, N.H. was in charge of arrangements.

Donations in Kay's memory may be made to the Belknap County Nursing Home, Activity Fund, 30 County Lane, Laconia, N.H. 03264 or the charity of your choice.

Joseph Massa

Decorated WWII Navy Veteran; computer programmer; 88

TEWKSBURY - Joseph Massa, age 88, a decorated WW II Navy Veteran, died Thursday, January 25, 2007, at the Lowell General Hospital after a brief illness.

He was the husband of Sara M. (Covello) Massa, with whom he had celebrated a 65th wedding anniversary this past June 29th.

He was born in Haverhill, on July 14, 1918, a son of the late Frank and Filomina (Albanese) Massa and was educated in Haverhill schools. He left Haverhill to enlist into the U.S. Navy in 1937. After being honorably discharged from the Navy at Pearl Harbor in April 1941, he married Sara and moved to Dorchester, where they resided until moving to Tewksbury in 1955.

In 1942, he re-enlisted into the US Navy, and served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill, assigned to the Pacific Fleet. The USS Bunker Hill would earn 11 Battle Stars and the Presidential Unit Commendation during the time Mr. Massa served on board. He narrowly escaped death on May 11, 1945, when the USS Bunker Hill was struck by two Japanese Kamikaze bombers during the invasion of Okinawa. His ship suffered 394 killed or missing, and burned for many hours during that battle, before returning to port for repairs. Mr. Massa was again discharged in October 1945 at the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Upon completion of his second Navy duty tour, Mr. Massa began work at the Charlestown Navy Ship Yard. He retired after 29 years of service to the ship yard as a computer programmer and systems analyst. Over that 29-year period, he received several commendations and awards.

He graduated from Bentley College, where he was a Charter member of the Bentley College Blue and Gold Society.

Mr. Massa was a Communicant of St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8164 in Tewksbury, a member of the Tewksbury Golden Age Club, and a frequent visitor to the Tewksbury Senior Drop-In Center.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Massa, Jr. and his wife Mary (Wilson) of Derry, NH; two daughters and sons-in-



law, Joanne Lambert and her husband Laurence of Lowell, Lorraine McNamara and her husband Robert of Westminster; a brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas Massa and his wife Earlyne of Haverhill; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Angelo and Sue Covello of CA; nine grandchildren, Anne E. Parker of Nottingham, NH, Ellen E. Cabral of Hampstead, NH, Joseph A. Massa of Watertown, Thomas P. Massa of Derry, NH, Christine E. Haskell and Brian T. Haskell both of Chelmsford, Shawn C. Lambert and Michael G. Lambert both of Lowell, Melissa A. Meagh of Brighton; three great grandchildren, Douglas, Hannah, and Samuel; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also brother of the late Louis Albanese, Elizabeth Bertolino, and Carolyn "Peggy" Hamel.

His funeral was held Monday, Jan. 29, at 11:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in Ma or 978) 851-2950. His Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at 12:00 Noon in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rte 38) Wilmington. Burial with Navy Honors followed at Tewksbury Cemetery. Visiting hours were Sunday p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the Friends of the Elderly, Building Fund, 460 East St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be appreciated.

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Aurore G. "Ora" Maxwell

Active in Tewksbury's Senior Community and St. William's Church; 86

TEWKSBURY - Aurora G. "Ora" (Dionne) Maxwell, age 86, a well known member of the Tewksbury Senior community, died Thursday evening, January 25, 2007, at the Sawtell Hospice House in Reading following a brief illness. She was the wife of Lloyd Maxwell, who died in 1987.

She was born in New Brunswick, Canada, on July 21, 1920, one of twelve children of the late George and Denise (Guimone) Dionne. She was raised in Somerville, and had lived in Woburn before moving to Tewksbury in 1965.

Mrs. Maxwell was a beautician and hairstylist, and worked in a number of beauty shops in Woburn, Arlington, and Lowell.

In her later years, Mrs. Maxwell was active as a volunteer at Tewksbury Hospital, a volunteer for the American Red Cross, and a frequent visitor and cribbage player at the Tewksbury Senior Drop-In Center. She was also a devout Catholic, as a member of St. William's Parish where she was entrusted as a church counter. She also served her community as a Poll worker during town elections.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Paul W. Maxwell and his wife Barbara (Magee) of Tewksbury, a son-in-law, James Beaupre of Billerica; a brother Fred Dionne of Harrisburg, PA; five grandchildren, Christopher Maxwell of Dracut, Lindsay Maxwell of Chelmsford, Jessica Maxwell of Tewksbury, Alyscia Beaupre of Wakefield, and Danielle Beaupre of Northboro;

and many nieces and nephews. She was also mother of the late Donna Beaupre; and sister



of the late John, Charles, Mike, Leonard and Phillippe Dionne, Jeannette Keenan, Priscilla Laveaga, Thelma McQuiken, Lorraine Chaves, and Dorinda Flannery.

Her funeral was held Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Burial will be in Fox Hill Cemetery, Billerica. Visiting hours were Tuesday 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Sawtell Hospice House, 320 Haverhill St., Reading, MA 01867 or the Friends of the Elderly, Building Fund, 460 East St. Tewksbury, MA 01876, will be appreciated.

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Rep Murphy lands vice chair of Judiciary Committee assigned to Consumer Protection and Licensure and Veteran Affairs Committee

BOSTON — The House of Representatives Democratic caucus voted on the leadership posts that will remain in effect for the next two years. State Representative Charles A. Murphy (D-Burlington) was elected to serve as the vice chair of Judiciary Committee where he has served for the last two years as a member. The Judiciary Committee will hold hearings over the next 18 months on over 800 bills that were recently filed by Representatives and Senators.

Murphy commented, "I am honored that Speaker DiMasi and my colleagues have placed their trust in me for this important committee and I look forward to working with Chairman O'Flaherty (D-Chelsea) during this session."

Additionally Murphy, due to his service in the U. S. Marine Corps was elected to continue his service on the Veterans Affairs Committee and he will also serve on the Consumer Protection and Licensure Committee this session.

Linden Tree Coffeehouse

The Linden Tree Coffee house presents Tim Grim, Indiana singer-songwriter, actor, hay farmer and Heidi Muller and Bob Webb of West Virginia long-time performers in Fabulous Friends from Afar. This event will be held Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 8:00 at the Unitarian-

Universalist Church 326 Main Street, Wakefield.

Tickets are \$15. Program sponsored in part by the Mass Cultural Council, Wakefield Chapter

For more information go to www.LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org Lindentree85@comcast.net 781-246-2836.

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Tewksbury Democrats to caucus

TEWKSBURY - Registered Democrats in Tewksbury will be holding their annual Caucus at the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Route 38, in Tewksbury on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 10:00 am to elect delegates and alternates at the 2007 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be equally divided between men and women in accordance with the Democratic Party rules. Anyone at least 18 years old and registered as a Massachusetts Democrat as of December 30, 2006 is welcome to attend the caucus and run for a delegate position.

This year's Action Agenda Convention will be held on Saturday, May 19 at UMASS

Amherst. All Massachusetts Democrats chosen at the caucus, will gather to develop a new Action Agenda outlining grassroots, party building initiatives to prepare us for the Presidential election in 2008. This year's Action Agenda will incorporate strategies that led to our overwhelming victory in the gubernatorial election, and provide recommendations for attracting more people to the Democratic party.

Candidates for Delegate and Alternate must be present at the Caucus consent to nomination in writing. Candidates may make a one-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written, secret and recorded by the caucus teller. Those peo-

ple not elected and a Delegate or Alternate may apply to be "add-on" delegates in the following categories: youth (35 and under), minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientations, or economic status in the conduct of the Caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the Delegate selection process MUST be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland Street, Suite 203, Boston, MA, 02120 within ten days after the caucus.

For more information, please contact Warren Carey, Town Democratic Committee Chairman, at 978-851-9165 or the Democratic State Committee at 617-776-2676.

Wilmington students make the grade at Arlington Catholic

Eleven Wilmington residents made the Arlington Catholic High School Honor Roll for the second quarter of the 2006-2007 school year. Six students qualified for Second Honors. They are Justin Cerra, Meghan O'Rourke, Kerri Stinson, Kelly Walsh, Mark Walsh and Michelle Worthington.

Five students made Honors. They are Gabriella Mirabella, Robert Morrissey, Connor O'Riordan, Jeremy Ridore and Alexa Siegel.

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce gears up for the new year

The Chamber is beginning 2007 with a fresh slate of activities for the month of February, in which all members and potential members are invited to attend.

Thursday, February 8

Networking Lunch & Chamber Ribbon Cutting
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Wednesday, February 28

Winter Multi-Chamber Business Card Exchange & Marketing Seminar 14 area Chambers are sponsoring this quarterly local event.

Area students named to Dean's List at Assumption College

WORCESTER - The following students have been named to the Dean's List at Assumption College for the Fall 2006 semester. Students in the undergraduate school are required to have a GPA of 3.5 or higher to the named to the list.

Assumption College, a liberal arts and professional studies college rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, was founded in 1904. Assumption strives to form graduates known for critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service.

Stacy R. Comer '07, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Comer, Wilmington
Kristen M. Hartka '10, daughter of Ms. Kerri A. Deming, Wilmington
Peter J. Ricci '08, son of Mr.



Celebrating the opening of Winchester Hospital's newly expanded, full-service Sleep Disorders Center in Woburn are: Winchester Hospital President and CEO Dale Lodge; Sean Ahern, associate director of Cardio-Pulmonary Services, Neurology and Cardiac-Pulmonary Services; Dr. Najmuddin Patwa, medical director of the Sleep Disorders Center; and James Ficociello, DDS, Winchester Hospital Board member and chairman of the hospital's Planning and Marketing Committee.

Winchester Hospital celebrates expanded Sleep Disorders Center in Woburn

WOBURN - Winchester Hospital recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its newly expanded, full-service Sleep Disorders Center at Baldwin Park I, 12 Alfred Street in Woburn.

Accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the Sleep Disorders Center diagnoses and treats patients with sleep-related problems including sleep apnea, narcolepsy, insomnia, sleepwalking and restless legs syndrome. The new observation facility features state-of-the-art equipment in seven hotel-style rooms (an upgrade from the former two-

room operation), each with a private bathroom with shower and flat-screen television with cable and DVD player. The handicapped-accessible facility also offers plentiful parking and convenient, ground floor entry.

Dr. Najmuddin Patwa, medical director of Winchester Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center, said the additional treatment rooms will go a long way toward relieving the regional delay in properly evaluating and treating sleep disorders which can impact children, adults and seniors. "This beautiful facility represents

Winchester Hospital's commitment to meeting the needs of patients in all the communities we serve," he said.

To learn more about Winchester Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center, call (781) 756-2325.

Christopher Myers receives honors at The Gunnery

Christopher Myers, son of Edward and Linda Myers of Tewksbury has achieved honors for the fall term at The Gunnery in Connecticut.

OBITUARIES

Lynn F. Rodriguez, R.N.

Formerly of Tewksbury; nurse manager at Brigham & Women's Hospital; 46

FRAMINGHAM - Lynn F. (Colpitts) Rodriguez, R.N., age 46, a former Tewksbury resident, died Monday morning, Jan. 29, 2007, at the MetroWest Hospital in Framingham after a brief illness. She was the wife of Rafael Rodriguez.

She was born in Albany, NY on September 17, 1960, a daughter of Frederick and Anne (Crowe) Colpitts of Tewksbury. She was raised in Saratoga, NY, and moved to Tewksbury in 1967. She had resided in Framingham since 2001.

She graduated from Our Lady of Nazareth High School in Wakefield, and received a Bachelors of Nursing from Northeastern University in Boston. She was currently working toward her Masters in Nursing at Lesley College.

She was employed by Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, as a Home Care Nurse Co-ordinator for the Cardiac Unit. She was a member of the Massachusetts Nursing Association.

As a resident of Tewksbury, she was active at the Tewksbury Congregational Church, as a former Rainbow Girl, and she remained a member of the Wamesit Acacia Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by a daughter, Thalia A. Rodriguez of Framingham; a sister, Judith Colpitts of Lewiston, ME; two brothers and a sister-in-law,

Clayton and his wife Christine (Dunbar) Colpitts of Groveland, MA, and Glenn



Colpitts of Framingham; two nieces, Julia Colpitts and Corinne Colpitts both of Groveland.

Her funeral will be held Friday, Feb. 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Tewksbury Congregational Church, corner of East and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Burial will follow in Tewksbury Cemetery. Visiting hours Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in MA or 978) 851-2950. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Shriner's Hospital for Children's - Burns Institute, 51 Blossom St, Boston, MA 02114, will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com <http://www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com>

Virginia G. "Ginnie" Sederquist

Nanny to the Robert Ulrich family; 58

TEWKSBURY - Virginia G. "Ginnie" Sederquist, age 58, a former Nanny to the television actor Robert Ulrich, died Wednesday evening, January 24, 2007, at the Kindred Hospital

his wife Susan (Alex) of Wilmington; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila Sederquist-Rivard and her husband Brian Rivard of Plum Island; a sister-in-law, Sally (Spraker) Sederquist of Manchester, NH; two aunts, Lorraine Miller and Alberta Costa both of Tewksbury; and eight beloved grandchildren, Amanda, Emily, and John "Jack" Dunn, and James Putney all of Tewksbury, Amanda Dunn of Nashua, NH, Joshua Dunn of Salem, NH, Bradlee and Mitchell Fuller, both of Burlington; and many dear friends throughout the Merrimack Valley.

She was also mother of the late Cindi M. Dunn-Fuller, and sister of the late Scott Sederquist.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 30, in St. William's Church, Tewksbury. Burial was in Tewksbury Cemetery. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com <http://www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com>



Peabody after a long period of declining health.

She was born in Boston, on December 24, 1948, a daughter of J. Wilford and Evelyn (Moczienski) Sederquist, but had been a lifelong Tewksbury resident.

She worked as a Nanny to the family of Robert Ulrich when they lived in North Andover, and after the filming of the television series *Spencer: The Movie*. She was invited to move to California with the Ulrich family, but declined, citing the need to remain in Tewksbury to maintain and nurture her strong family bonds. She also worked wait staff at Tewksbury's Jade East restaurant.

She is survived by a son, John O. Dunn of Tewksbury; a daughter, Kimberly Ann Dunn of Manchester, NH; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John W. Sederquist and his wife Paula (Kelleher) of Hudson, NH, Capt. Joseph A. Sederquist and

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Tewksbury Police Log



Wilmington Police Log

Monday, January 22
5:27 a.m. A residence on Maureen Drive was burglarized.

6:21 a.m. Vehicles at three separate residences on Maureen Drive were burglarized.

8:19 a.m. Two vehicles parked at a residence on Pond Street were broken into.

9:43 a.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Pond Street was burglarized.

12:24 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2341 Main Street.

2:20 p.m. Police received a report that two young males stole money from the counter of Lil' Peach at 2280 Main Street. The two suspects were detained by an officer and returned the money to the store. No trespass orders were issued to both suspects.

10:58 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Euclid Road.

Tuesday, January 23
11:12 p.m. An assault reportedly occurred in the vicinity of 2136 Main Street.

Frederic Tremblay-Cazes, 23, of Montreal, Canada, was arrested in the vicinity of 95 Main Street and was charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

Wednesday, January 24
7:14 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 381 Main Street.

10:05 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of North Street and East Street.

Thursday, January 25
12:32 a.m. Police responded to Jade East at 433 Main Street to assist with an unruly patron. Officers placed the male customer under protective custody.

6:29 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Main Street.

8:24 p.m. Police responded to a report of an argument at Planet Fitness at 1830 Main

Street.
9:14 p.m. Police responded to a report of an argument at Home Depot at 85 Main Street.

9:39 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Judique Road.

Leslie Power, 42, of 49 Dudley Road in Tewksbury, was arrested at her home on the basis of a warrant.

Friday, January 26
9:26 a.m. Police assisted in removing an unwanted person from A Touch of Class at 1921 Main Street.

1:54 p.m. A residence on Main Street was burglarized.

9:02 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 14 Anthony Road.

Hidalberto Figueroa, 22, of 54 Campbell Street in Framingham, was arrested in the vicinity of 1177 Shawheen Street on the basis of a warrant.

Isaac Pena, 23, of 139 Thornton Street in Roxbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 1177 Shawheen Street on the basis of a warrant.

Saturday, January 27
9:36 p.m. A BB was shot through the picture window of a residence on River Road.

10:20 a.m. A residential mailbox on Level Lane was damaged maliciously overnight.

11:21 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1900 Main Street.

11:50 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 85 Main Street.

4:12 p.m. Malicious damage to property was reported by a resident of Pinnacle Street.

6:31 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Main Street.

9:08 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Andover Street. Randy Bernat, 35, of 1428 Andover Street was arrested at the scene and was charged with

assault and battery.

Sunday, January 28
12-midnight A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1609 Main Street.

12:06 a.m. A residential mailbox on Wolcott Road was damaged maliciously.

12:06 a.m. A residential mailbox on Greenhalge Road was damaged maliciously.

2:18 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2000 Whipple Road.

11:01 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 381 Main Street.

1:03 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 297 Main Street.

10:27 p.m. A residential mailbox on Lowe Street was damaged maliciously.

Luis Perez, 23, of 32 19th Street in Lowell, was arrested at the Residence Inn at 1775 Andover Street and was charged with disorderly conduct.

Kevin Davidson, 21, of 78 Blossom Street in Lowell, was arrested at the Residence Inn at 1775 Andover Street and was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 140 Middlesex Avenue.

7:22 a.m. Malicious damage to property, caused by paintballs, was reported by a resident of Lawrence Street.

10:21 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 298 Shawheen Avenue.

11:39 a.m. Malicious damage to property, caused by paintballs, was reported by a resident of Lawrence Street.

3:27 p.m. Malicious damage to property, caused by paintballs, was reported by a resident of Lawrence Street.

Adriano Ortiz, 20, of 212 Arlington Street in Lawrence, was arrested on Ballardvale Street in the vicinity of the North Intermediate Street School and was charged with receiving stolen property.

Christopher Ramirez, 20, of 11 Charles Street in Haverhill, was arrested on Ballardvale Street in the vicinity of the North Intermediate Street School and was charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Tuesday, January 23
11:40 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 314 Main Street.
3:38 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 221 Chestnut Street.

Stephen Fronduto, 47, of Wilmington, was stopped by police in the vicinity of 281 Main Street and was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license, and operating an unregistered, uninsured motor vehicle.

Nicholas Farinato, 22, of 47 Court Street in Medford, was arrested in the vicinity of 110 Lowell Street on the basis of a warrant and was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

Wednesday, January 24
5:47 a.m. Two vehicles parked at a residence on Cushing Drive were vandalized.

7:49 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 144 Middlesex Avenue.

7:49 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 126 Middlesex Avenue.

6:18 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Lowell Street.

7:03 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Church Street.

Thursday, January 25
7:29 a.m. Wilmington Health Center, located at 750 Woburn Street was burglarized.

11:40 p.m. Police responded to a report of a fight occurring at the 99's Restaurant at 144 Lowell Street.

Friday, January 26
3:25 a.m. A residential mailbox on High Street was damaged maliciously.

1:58 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 40 Glen Road.

5:17 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 580 Main Street.

5:27 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at

the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Glen Road.

7:27 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 27 Forest Street.

9:59 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 353 Middlesex Avenue.

Kevin Matthews, 43, of 3 Hidden Pond Lane in North Reading, was arrested in the vicinity of 193 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within marked lanes of travel.

Saturday, January 27
8:48 a.m. A motor vehicle was stolen from a residence on Strout Avenue at some point during the previous few days.

11:07 a.m. A residential mailbox on Arlene Avenue was damaged maliciously overnight.

12:11 p.m. A residential mailbox on Biggar Avenue was damaged maliciously overnight.

12:51 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1 Fairfield Road.

6:24 p.m. A residential mailbox on Serenoa Lane was damaged maliciously at some point during the previous evening.

7:35 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 92 Woburn Street.

11:34 p.m. A residential mailbox on Great Neck Drive was damaged maliciously.

Derek Derosa, 17, of 124A Pond Street in Billerica, was arrested in the vicinity of 1 Veranda Avenue and was charged with being a minor transporting alcohol.

Sunday, January 28
3:01 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 474 Main Street.

7:04 p.m. A residential mailbox on Scaltrito Drive was damaged maliciously at some point during the previous evening.

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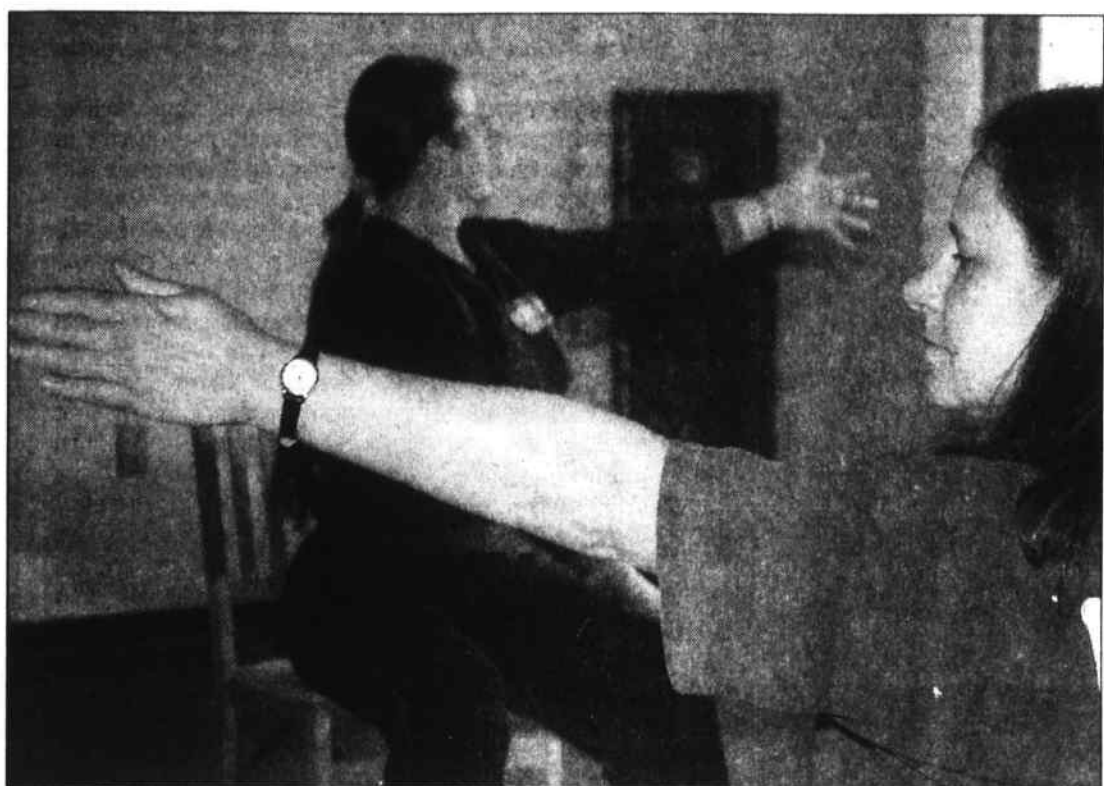
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Hristina Tasheva, Caitlin Derrickson, and Brianna Fruciano (all of Wilmington) watch on with eager anticipation as they line up the cars for the Powderpuff Derby held on Saturday at St. Williams Church in Tewksbury.

Photo by Denise Blair.



Junie Farese of Tewksbury practiced yoga with instructor Kristina Tiedke, also a Tewksbury resident at "Yoga with Robin" during the open house held on Saturday. The open house was held to celebrate the recent merger with Soma Massage Therapy.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux - www.printroom.com/pro/shootingstars)

Mosewick and Rose receive Tewksbury Rotary Club's January 2007 "Hats Off"

Mary Mosewick and Kaitlin Rose, senior students at Tewksbury Memorial High School, have been designated the January Hats Off Award recipients.

Hats Off is a joint initiative of the Tewksbury Memorial High School and the Tewksbury Rotary Club. The award recognizes students who have distinguished themselves academically, have contributed to the co-curricular program at the high school, and have been actively involved in the community.

Kaitlin and Mary were honored at a Rotary Club Luncheon on Thursday, January 25th at the Tewksbury Country Club.

The first student to be honored is Mary Mosewick, daughter of Lena and James Mosewick. She has received many titles and academic awards throughout her years in high school, including the Principals List (3 years), being a Gold Card recipient (11 times) and a Silver Card recipient (2 times). She is the recipient of the "Honorable Merit" Award from the National Junior Classical League.

For extra-curricular activities, Mary has been involved for three years with SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), and the Literary Magazine "The Realm". She is the founder and President of Tolerance Core: Diversity Club. She has been involved for two years in the Junior Classical League and Academic Decathlon, and for one year with National Honor Society, Leadership Academy, Robotics Club, and Amnesty International.

Mary has been enrolled in Khoury's Karate Academy for 7 years, and has earned her Black Belt, as well as first place in Khoury's Karate Academy Championship in 2004. She has volunteered as a member of the Khoury's Karate Academy Leadership Team for four years. She is the Assistant Program Director and a Certified Instructor at her karate studio. She has worked as a UMass Lowell Teacher's Assistant, and is currently a TMHS tutor and a Tewksbury Driving School Program Director.

Mary is a student who is actively involved in her community. Her guidance counselor, Ms. Karen Baker-O'Brien, states that Mary has contributed to the culture of her high school. Mary has forfeited her prom money in order to purchase an airline ticket to Alabama to build a house for Habitat for Humanity. She has served as a National Scholar for the National Young Leaders Conference in 2006.

Mary has interned for the Tewksbury State Hospital, collected donations for the Tewksbury Food Pantry, and volunteered for a Kick-a-thon that raised \$1000 for Hurricane relief.

Kaitlin Rose is also being awarded the Hats Off Award for her outstanding achievements. Along with being in the top 10% of her class, Kaitlin has received several Gold and Silver Card awards. She has received the Academic Seal.

In her high school, she is involved in DECA (a marketing association for students), and Yearbook Committee. She is involved in Junior Classical League and National Honor Society.

Athletically, Kaitlin excels. She has done performance dance for 9 years. However, she maintains a niche for running. She has been on the Varsity Spring Track Team for four years. She has run Varsity Indoor Track and Varsity Cross Country for four years, currently captaining each team. She has been nominated for MVP for Cross Country three times. She holds the school record for Cross Country and 4 X 800 in both Indoor and Spring Track. She also holds records in the MVC All Conference Cross Country 3 times and in the All State Cross Country 3 times, along with one in Indoor Track and Spring Track. She has received the honor of being an All-Star in Indoor and Spring Track 3 times, and in Cross Country once.

Kaitlin worked as a Physical Therapy Aide at the Tewksbury State Hospital through the summer of 2005. She has been a hostess at the Black Olive Restaurant from January 2006 to the present.

She is also actively involved in

her community. She has volunteered in the TMHS Summer Track Program, Summer Track Meets, and at the 911 Memorial Service. She also participated in the Breast Cancer Walk and the ALS Bike Ride.

In the future, Kaitlin plans to be a nurse. She has been accepted at UVM, UNH, and UMass Lowell, and is qualified for the Merit Scholarship at UNH.

Her coach and nominating faculty member, Peter Molloy, states that, along with being captain of the Cross Country and Winter Track teams, and a top 20 student, Kaitlin is also one of Tewksbury's most accomplished distance runners.

Both girls are highly qualified, and have been nominated for this prestigious award due to their outstanding academic backgrounds, their achievements in co-curricular and educational fields, and their outstanding records for performing community service. Kaitlin Rose and Mary Mosewick are exceptional students and outstanding individuals. This nomination serves as a confirmation of their many accomplishments. Ms. Rose and Ms. Mosewick are wished only the best of luck as they continue in their efforts to better our community and the lives of everyone around them.



Week of Feb 5

WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wildwood, Boutwell & Elementary

Monday: Hot dog on a roll, tater tots, applesauce.

Tuesday: Wildwood & Boutwell- Bagel with yogurt, cheese sticks, cream cheese, margarine, juice, fruit.

Elementary- Cinnamon raisen or plain bagel, cream cheese or margarine, yogurt, cheese stick, celery sticks,

apple slices with topping. Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, pretzel, peas, orange wedge.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potato, broccoli, dinner roll, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Pizza wedge, Caesar salad, pineapple.

Wilmington Middle School & High School

Monday: Hot dog on a roll, tater tots, applesauce.

Tuesday: Grilled chicken sub with lettuce & tomato, seasoned curly fries, pears.

Wednesday: Soft of hard taco w/ seasoned meat, shredded lettuce, cheese and tomato, rice, mixed fruit.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potato, broccoli, dinner roll, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Pizza wedge, Caesar salad, pineapple.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday: Soup w/crackers, tuna salad sandwich, vegetable pasta salad, jello w/topping, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, tater tots w/ketchup, cottage cheese, peaches or juice, milk.

Wednesday: Meatball sub, seasoned pasta, vegetable of the day, rice krispie treat, fruit or juice, milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger on a roll, oven fries, vegetable sticks w/dip, pretzel rods, fruit or juice, milk.

Friday: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, vegetable of the day, fruit or juice, milk.

SHAWSHEEN TECH

Monday: Chicken nuggets w/dipping sauce, mashed potato, corn, whole wheat dinner roll, milk.

Tuesday: French toast w/syrup, sausage links, orange juice, fresh melon cubes, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken broccoli ziti, whole wheat bread stick, carrots, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Professional Day No Lunch Served.

Friday: Sal's Italian style pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Specialist Patrick Schofield re-deploys to Afghanistan

Specialist Patrick T. Schofield, a paratrooper with the US Army 82nd Airborne Division, deployed to Afghanistan Sunday, January 22. Specialist Schofield, a 2004 graduate of Wilmington High School, is a Mortar gunner with the 1st Battalion-508 Parachute Infantry Regiment known as the "Fury from the Sky". His unit is expected to be stationed at a forward operating base in Naray, near the Pakistan border, for the next year.

This is the second deployment for Schofield, who returned from a challenging deployment to the An Bar province of Iraq in January 2006.

According to the 82nd Airborne, Schofield's unit, 1-Fury, has a special purpose. "The mission of 1-Fury today is to deploy worldwide within 18 hours of notification, execute a parachute assault, conduct combat operations, and win. Specifically, the Battalion will

conduct a forcible entry to seize a defended airfield, build up combat power as quickly as possible and conduct follow-on military operations."

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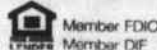
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Recycle For Sight

Don't throw those old glasses away!

The Tewksbury Lions are asking people to look through dresser drawers and closets for used eyeglasses and donate them to the Lions Recycle For Sight program.

In September 2006, the Tewksbury Lions Club began collecting used prescription eyeglasses and prescription and non-prescription sunglasses as part of a unique recycling program. The collected glasses will be cleaned and prepared for distribution in developing countries where eye care is often unaffordable and inaccessible.

"We need everyone to donate their used eyeglasses," said A. L. "Monty" Gibson, club president. "In most developing countries, an eye exam can cost as much as one month's wages and a single eye doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people."

The donated glasses will be shipped to a regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where they will be cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions and other groups.

Used glasses (including sun-

glasses and reading glasses) can be dropped off at the Tewksbury Senior Center, or with a member of the Lions Club (Dennis Toscano - 978-667-6727, or via email at dnnsdmns@yahoo.com. Shirley Oremland - 978-851-9688 or via email at oremshirl@yahoo.com).

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.35 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

Ninth Annual "Donations from the Heart" Food Drive

WILMINGTON - Plans are under way for the Ninth Annual WCTV Donations From The Heart Food Drive to benefit the Wilmington Food Pantry. The annual event will be held Saturday, February 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Market Basket in Wilmington.

WCTV will post a Valentine message on the WCTV bulletin board in exchange for food donations of non-perishable items to the food pantry. Valentine messages to be shown on the WCTV community bulletin board on Channel 9 on Valentine's Day.

On February 10, a table will be set up at the store entrance at Market Basket and WCTV volunteers will accept the food donations from participants in the food drive and ask them to fill out a Valentine message form. Your special Valentine message can be written for a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, friend or neighbor.

Food donations can also be delivered directly to the food pantry from 9 until noon. Food Pantry Director Bob DiPalma will have a group of volunteers ready to accept the donations at the pantry that day. WCTV and the Food Pantry are grateful for the generosity of the Wilmington residents, especially during the winter season when supplies in the pantry tend to be very low. This has been a great success and another great year is anticipated.

WCTV welcomes your participation in this fun and heart-felt event! If you would like to help out at the store or to transport the collected food to the food pantry on that day, please call WCTV at 978-675-4066, or E-mail Mike Morrissey at: mmorrissey@wctv.org



A cappella group "Ball in the House" visited the elementary schools in Wilmington to perform and educate the students about music. This group of 5 men, who are the "Cool Whip Guys" from the television commercials, will perform a show open to the public on Thursday night at Wilmington High School. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux - www.printroom.com/pro/shootingstars)

Tewksbury Senior Topics

A Senior Center "Cootie Party" will be held tomorrow, February 2nd at the White House beginning at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Tickets are still available for the Mohegan Sun day trip of Tuesday, February 13th. The cost is \$20 per person.

On Sunday, February 25th, Seniors will travel to the Amesbury Playhouse for lunch and a matinee performance of "Oklahoma". The cost of this trip is \$37 per person.

Friday Yoga class participants should have received a

telephone call regarding the location of this week's class. If one has not been contacted, please call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480.

The COA is now taking names of those who wish to utilize the free tax assistance services provided by AARP volunteers. If interested, one may call 978-640-4482 and leave his/her name and telephone number with a staff member. Once the volunteers have established a work schedule, COA staff members will contact those on the list to arrange appointments.

Please note that these services will not begin until sometime in February.

The Carnation Belles will hold their Third Anniversary Dinner at the Tewksbury Country Club on Saturday, February 10th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$22 per Belle and includes dinner and entertainment by the Silver Tones Band. Tickets are NOT available at the door. Next Wednesday, February 7th will be the last day to obtain a ticket.

Have a pleasant week. God Bless America.

Tewksbury Golden Age Club

Annual Scholarship Award - The Tewksbury Golden Age Club is accepting applications for their annual Scholarship Award Program. Applications are available at the front desk of the White House as is the policy regarding the eligibility of student applicants. The parent or grandparent nominating a student must be a member of the GAC for the at least two years. The student must attend either the Tewksbury Memorial High School or the Shawsheen Technical High School and must live in Tewksbury.

Membership Meetings - The next scheduled membership meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 13, 2007 at the Tewksbury Rod & Gun Club. During this important meeting we will be dis-

cussing the revised Golden Age Club By-Laws. The By-Laws Committee and the Board of Directors has unanimously approved the revision and voted to present the changes to the membership. There will be Zingo after the meeting. Additionally, we will be celebrating our annual membership Valentines Day party.

The Golden Age Club will be holding their March 13, 2007 membership meeting at the Rod & Gun Club at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of Zingo we will be holding our annual Penny Sale at 1:30 p.m. after our scheduled meeting. New items donated for the Penny Sale may be dropped off at the Rod & Gun Club after 10 a.m. on the morning of the sale. White Mountain Hotel &

Resort Trip - Members of the Golden Age Club enjoyed a three day trip, November 29 to December 1, 2006, to the White Mountain Hotel & Resort in Conway, N.H. A welcome reception, two nights deluxe accommodations, 5 meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners), a guided sightseeing tour of the Mount Washington Valley and three shows were included in the trip. The weather was perfect for our tour of the White Mountain Valley and in the evening we relaxed around the fire side with our friends and passed kudos to staff and management of the hotel. The Golden Age Club was very pleased with the pleasant, courteous and professional attention to our every request.

Wilmington Senior Topics

We were very fortunate to have January as a mild month for weather and we hope the same for February. Do remember though if you should need fuel assistance the, we can take application up until April 1, 2007.

The month of February will be fun and educational at the Wilmington Buzzell Senior Center. There is a little bit of something for everyone.

We have a great new program starting called "Diabetes Management and More". Do you have Diabetes or know someone who does? Have you ever wanted to learn more about Diabetes? Come meet Pat Lyons RN, BSN, CRRN, the instructor who will meet weekly for 12 weeks starting Monday February 5, 2007 from 1:30-2:30PM to discuss topics such as:

- * Nutrition
- * When to call the doctor
- * Exercise
- * How to avoid complications
- * High and low blood sugar
- * Diabetic foot care
- * Resources for Diabetics
- And much more!

Pat Lyons has many plans for this program and we hope you can be a part of the fun. Please sign up at the center or call at 978-657-7595.

On Thursday February 8, 2007 at 1:00PM we will be having Linda Leith, founder of Polarity Loft, to discuss the technique that blends anatomy, physiology, kinesthetic and quantum physics in a masterful, pain-free experience. A form of alternative

medicine. As a result, negative obstructions in the energy field are removed and physical discomfort is diminished and often disappears. Linda studied polarity at the Polarity Realization Institute in Ipswich, Massachusetts. She is certified in hypnotherapy from "Heart-Centered Hypnotherapy" Wellness Institute Inc., Wenatchee, Washington and is a member of the National Guild of Hypnotists. Linda received her certification in Yuen Method form Dr. Kam Yuen or Los Angeles, California in 2001 and is a certified instructor.

On Wednesday February 14, 2007 at 12:30PM we will be having the Rotary Interactive Wilmington High School students participate in our Valentine's celebration. We will be having a delicious luncheon serving Harrows' Pot Pies and homemade desserts. The cost for this event is \$5.00 per person. February 1, 2007 we will start to take reservation at the center.

On Thursday February 15, 2007 at 11:00AM come meet the "Al & June Fess". They recently moved into Wilmington and are extremely talented. June will be playing the piano while Al accompanies her with his fine singing voice. Come and have some fun and welcome in our new neighbors.

Later that afternoon we will be having our Commissioners Meeting with Skip Moynihan, town assessor, as our guest speaker. He will be discussing property taxes, abatements

and tax deferments. Please feel free to join and ask any questions.

On Thursday February 22, 2007 at 12:30 P.M., we will be having a movie and "February birthdays" celebration. The movie will be "The Rat Pack" a 1998 movie remembering Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr. Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop as the "Rat Pack". Come and enjoy the fun.

On February 28, 2007 at 12:00PM there will be the sing-a-long group. Remember, February 19, 2007 is Presidents Day and the center will be closed. Once again the Department of Elderly Services is fortunate to be able to provide the "Free Income Tax Assistance" through the IRS, VISTA program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) at the Reading Library - 64 Middlesex Street Reading, MA. Scheduled appointments should be arranged through the Buzzell Senior Center - 978-657-7595. The program will start Monday February 5, 2007 - Monday April 9, 2007. (The day/time set aside for Wilmington elders is Mondays 9:00AM - 1:00PM) All returns are prepared with computer accuracy and with electronic filing for rapid refunds. Clients should bring this year's tax information along with last years tax returns to their appointments. If anyone is in need of transportation, please make the arrangements at the same time you make your

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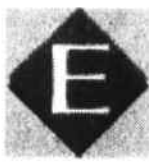
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Kevin Farley- Irish Music Guy

Kevin Farley known as the "Irish Music Guy" will do a gig at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Thursday, February 22nd at 7 p.m. Kevin Farley performs Irish Music that demonstrates the connections between all people. He plays a dozen instruments, and weaves great stories, bad jokes, instrumental riddle dazle, and a vast compendium of fascinating trivia into each performance. This is a great program for families with school age children to attend during school vacation week. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

Wilmington Reads Vegetarian Dinner Buffet

A vegetarian dinner buffet will set the right atmosphere for a discussion of *Before You Know Kindness* on Saturday, March 10, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Whole Foods in Woburn. The discussion will be led by Joanne Benton, Assistant Superintendent of Wilmington Public Schools and Ted Benton, former English Teacher at Winchester High School. Tickets are available at the library's main circulation desk beginning February 1, at a cost of \$15 (cash only). Limit of 30 tickets. Whole Foods will donate the proceeds to the Wilmington Food Pantry.

Upcoming Children's Programs

Valentine's Day Story/Craft
A Valentine's Day story/craft program for children ages five and older will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 3:30 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to listen to Valentine's Day stories and make a heart hanger craft. Visit or call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 beginning Thursday, February 1st to register.

Book Discussions

The Dragonling by Jackie French Koller was chosen by

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kids ages seven and older for their book discussion on Friday, February 2nd at 3:30 p.m. Nine year-old Darek discovers a young dragonling accidentally left alive after a dragonquest. Although taught by his villagers to hate dragons, Darek befriends the orphan dragon and helps him to find the Valley of the Dragons. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J. K. Rowling is the book of discussion for kids ages 9 & older to be held on Friday, February 9th at 3:30 p.m. Copies of the books may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. Drop-in for discussion and a snack. A door prize will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Star Mag Meeting

Kids ages eight and older are invited to drop-in Wednesday, February 7th at 3:30 p.m. with their finished original artwork, puzzles, poems, comics, jokes, etc., as contributions to the spring issue of this magazine written by, for and about kids, and published by the library. Refreshments will be served and a door prize provided by the Friends of the Library will be awarded.

Upcoming Teen Programs

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

The Dungeons and Dragons group will meet Tuesday, February 13th, from 3-5 p.m. The group will also meet twice during school vacation week, on Tuesday, February 20th and Thursday, February 22nd, from 3-5 p.m. Beginners through advanced players, ages 12 and older, are welcome. We'll provide the snacks. All those who attend may enter the drawing for a free Dungeons and Dragons-themed prize donated by the Friends of the Library.

Crafty Teens Workshop: Beaded Ornaments

Make eye-catching ornaments with just wire and beads! You create the shape, choose your color scheme, and twist to make

these delicate beaded decorations. Drop in after school from 2:30-4:30 on Thursday, February 15th to make your own. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring anything you'd particularly like to use.

Bored? Games! (for teens)

Teens! Looking for something FREE to do with your friends over winter break? Come play games! Drop in from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21st—we'll have everything from Scattergories to Munchkin (and snacks and drinks, too). So grab some friends and play with us!

More Computers Now Available

The reference area on the first floor of the library has been transformed into a handsome computer work area with 12 Internet work stations, six more than were previously available. Librarians Linda Callahan and Charlotte Wood are acknowledged for the planning and oversight of the makeover on the first floor. Special thanks to Roger Lessard and George Hooper and the following Public Buildings Department staff who were involved with necessary electri-

cal, carpentry and other support work for this project: Dave Noel, Gordon Fitch, Barry Farrar, Dan Colanton and Kathy Warford. Also thanks to Nunzio Dibenedetto for his work connecting the computers to the Internet.

Book Donation Drop Off

The Friends of the Library will be accepting your gently used book donations on Saturday, February 3rd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 183 Middlesex Avenue (the little white house next to the library).

AARP tax volunteers

Once again the library will be hosting a volunteer from AARP to provide help with preparing tax returns. During the month of February, Sue Lai will be in the Bicentennial Room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with appointments at 9:30 and 11:00. Appointment hours during March and early April will be during the evenings. Please call the library at (978) 694-2099 for further details and to schedule an appointment.



Maureen Walsh, library circulation assistant, checks out *Before You Know Kindness* to Christine Garrard. She is one of the many residents reading the "Wilmington Reads 2007" book. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, there are 75 copies of the paperback edition in the library's collection.

Tewksbury Public Library holding used book sale

This is a great time to stock up on a supply of good books to read during the inevitable winter snow storms ahead. Visit the Tewksbury Public Library this weekend and you can help yourself while helping the library.

A two-day used book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library will be held this upcoming weekend in the public library's first floor Meeting Room. On Saturday, February 3, the sale will run from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. The sale will continue on Sunday afternoon, February 4, from 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm.

Used book sales are a major source of funding for the Friends' organization. The funds raised are used to support the public library.

Generous local residents donate used books throughout the year. Library staff members sort through them to determine which items will be added to the library's collections, which items will be held aside for the monthly book sales sponsored by the Friends, and which items are candidates for give-away carts during the summer.

Books to be added to the Library's collection must meet the general selection criteria for materials as delineated in the Library's Collection Development Policy. These policy guidelines can be found on the Library's website: www.tewksburypl.org/general/collectionpolicy.htm.

Many avid readers purchase books as well as borrow them from the library, and the library deeply appreciates the donation of current best-sellers. While some of these are added

as duplicate copies, for titles no longer on waiting lists, the donated copies are used to replace worn and tattered copies originally purchased by the Library.

The Friends of the Library use their funds to supplement the public library's annual budget. For many years, the Friends have funded the purchase of family passes to area museums, have provided supplies for children's craft programs and have helped to underwrite the expense of library programs, such as the popular guest speakers and authors series.

Supporting the Friends of the Library is a great way to support the library. Membership forms will be available for new members and renewing members at this weekend's book sales. Hope to see you there!

Senior Lunches

Week of Feb. 5, 2006

Monday: Baked chicken, stuffed baked potato, broccoli, lite rye bread, pears.

Tuesday: Beef steak w/onion gravy, roasted whole potato, corn, whole wheat roll, apple snack-n-loaf.

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomato, whole wheat bread, strawberries w/topping.

Thursday: Roast turkey w/gravy, whipped potato, oatmeal bread, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Fish nuggets with tarter sauce, spinach, french bread, smoothie.

Adult dance class

The Wilmington Arts Council is sponsoring a new dance class for adults only (ages 18 and older). The class will begin on Saturday, February 3, 2007. It will be a one-hour class for beginners that will include a variety of jazz and ballet styles, as well as stretching and toning,

basic yoga and simple choreography. The dance class is a great way to exercise for fitness and fun. Cost is \$40.00 per month. To register by phone, please call 1-877-554-3662. Instructor: Renée Carleen. Class size is limited. Call early to reserve your spot.

Tewksbury Library Notes

by Elisabeth DesMarais

Take a "pass" on winter

Are the dreary winter months making you feel trapped in your house? Are you feeling the financial "pinch" of tax season but still want to enjoy entertainment on the weekends? The Tewksbury Public Library has the perfect remedy: free and reduced admission passes to area museums and cultural attractions. Our six passes will gain you free or reduced admission to: the New England Aquarium, Children's Museum in Boston, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, the Franklin Park and Stone Zoos. We even have a pass that will grant you one day of free parking at any of the Massachusetts State parks. These passes can

be used by anyone with a valid library card and can be reserved in advance by calling the library or stopping in at the first floor circulation desk.

Our museum passes are one of the many ways that supporting the public library can save you money. Even the discount passes offer a great value for our patrons. The average family of 4 visiting the New England Aquarium saves \$27 with the pass, even after paying the reduced admission of \$7 per person. A family of 4 visiting the Franklin Park Zoo will save \$30. In just the last 6 months, over 340 families have used our museum passes, saving over \$9000: a tremendous return on the investment of only \$2,400

for the year. The passes are funded by our generous Friends of the Library, only one of the many ways they support our programming efforts throughout the year.

Looking for more free fun things to do? Stop in and read one of our local newspapers, or check the bulletin board for announcements of community events. While you're here browse our large array of magazines, and take home a DVD to watch or a book to read FREE with your library card! The library is open 67 hours per week during the winter, including Sunday afternoons. Visit us anytime and check out the many ways we can save you money and enrich your free

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Dr. Maturin Finch, Physiatrist

Dr. Finch, a staff physician at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Woburn, MA, specializes in the care of patients with cardiopulmonary, neurological, brain injury, spasticity and musculoskeletal diagnoses.



Dr. Ralph Epstein, Pulmonologist

Dr. Epstein is a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine. He is affiliated with Whidden Memorial Hospital and has been honored with the Atlantic Medical Center Physician of Excellence Award.



Dr. Judith Fine-Edelstein, Neurologist

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State Police arrest 2 and seize gun in Stoneham

Tewksbury native makes the collar

On January 20, 2007, at about 11:25 p.m., State Police arrested two men on Route 93 South, just south of exit 35 in Stoneham, for motor vehicle violations and unlawful possession of a handgun.

Trooper Brian Sweet, a Tewksbury native, of the State Police Barracks in Medford was on patrol on Route 93 South in Stoneham when he observed a 2003 Acura 3.2 CL, which was following another vehicle too closely. He attempted to stop the vehicle, but the operator refused to stop. During a short pursuit, an object was observed to have been thrown from the

interior of the vehicle. The driver, 22-year-old Michael Peguero of Lawrence, subsequently pulled over just south of exit 35. Peguero was placed under arrest for Failing to Stop for a Police Officer and Following too Closely.

Trooper Jeffrey Boutwell (State Police K-9) searched the area where the object was observed to be thrown and discovered an object consistent in description to what was observed thrown from the vehicle. That object was determined to be a white sock containing a loaded .22 caliber revolver.

Peguero and his passenger, 28-year-old Ronnie Adames of Methuen, who was also subsequently arrested, were charged with Possession of a Firearm without a Permit and Possession of Ammunition without a Permit. Peguero was additionally charged with littering. Both men were booked at the State Police Barracks in Medford and held without bail. They will be arraigned on Monday in Woburn District Court.

Trooper Sweet was assisted in this investigation by members of the State Police Community Action Team.



Statue of Zeus - Alex Gemellaro, Megan Buckley and Lauren McKenna, students of Mr. Mahoney at the Wilmington Middle School, worked on a project connected to their recent studies of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World on Monday.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux - www.printroom.com/pro/shootingstars)

Book Drop off this Saturday

Support the Wilmington Memorial Library

WILMINGTON - There will be a "Book Drop Off" this Saturday, February 3, 9-12:00 noon, at the Little House next to the Wilmington Memorial Library (on the Wildwood Street side).

The Friends of the Library continue to collect your books,

CDs, tapes, and videos on the first Saturday of every month (March 3 being the next available date).

While you're in the Library don't forget to check out the ongoing book sale in the lobby. Pick up the latest edition of the Friends Newsletter and infor-

mation on becoming a Friend of the Library as well. Thanks so much for your continued support with your donations and contributions.

(Submitted by Leslie Dietrich, Fundraising Chair, Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library.)

Do you Love to Sing and Dance?

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The North Regional Theatre Workshop is a non-profit community organization dedicated to presenting quality music and theatrical productions to the communities in and around Merrimack Valley. Always calling upon the talents and contributions of those who love to perform, on either side of the curtain.

They are now celebrating 29 years.

Stonehill Dean's List

Stonehill College recently named the following Wilmington residents to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester.

Shannon Fahey
Katieanne Jackson
Michael Jordan



BOSTON- Senate Assistant Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and Representative James Miceli (D-Wilmington) recently meet with Wilmington Veterans Agent Louis Cimaglia at the Annual Veteran's Agent/Legislators Luncheon at the State House. Each year this event provides legislators with the opportunity to meet those who serve the veterans community and discuss issues of importance to those who have served our nation.

Tarr said that "It is important that we keep open the lines of communication between the people who work every day to respond to the needs of our veterans and the members of the legislature."

Topics of discussion this year included health care and prescription drugs, property taxes and state programs serving veterans.

Representative Miceli said, "The service men and women who live by the words duty, honor and country deserve everything we can do for them."

Courtesy photo

Family programs at the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary for February

Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield offers a variety of programs for families. Advance registration is required. For a free program catalog or a summer day camp brochure, call 978-887-9264 or email: ipswichriver@massaudubon.org. Programs can also be viewed on the web at www.massaudubon.org/ipswichriver. Coming up in February:

Bad Moon Rising

Saturday, February 3
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

This program is appropriate for adults and for families with children 8 years and older. Join the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club for a hands-on audience-participatory program; we'll use a variety of materials and puzzles for a fun evening of engaging learning about Earth's closest neighbor in space. Afterwards, we'll go outside to look at the night sky through members' telescopes (weather permitting) so be sure to dress warmly. FEE: \$9/adults, \$7/children (discount for Mass Audubon members). Advance registration is required. To register, call 978-887-9264.

Saturday Explorations - Winter birds:

Saturday February 10,
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For families with children 5 years and older. Join us for an afternoon identifying and learning about the birds that spend the winter in Massachusetts. We'll spend time indoors observing and drawing the birds that visit our feeders, and then we'll venture outside to discover where birds find food and shelter to survive the winter. We will supply binoculars, or bring your own. Advance registration is required. FEE: \$9/adults, \$7/children (discount for Mass

Audubon members). To register, call 978-887-9264.

Ex-Skull-ent Adventury

Sunday, February 11
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

For families with children 6 years and older. Explore the world of animal skulls! A short outdoor treasure hunt (dress warmly) will lead us back to the barn where we will use an easy-to-follow field guide to identify the treasures we have found. Bring in any bones or skulls you may have found that you would like to identify! Advance registration is required. FEE: \$9/adults, \$7/children (discount for Mass Audubon members). To register, call 978-887-9264.

Wingmasters presents North American Birds of Prey

Sunday, February 18
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For adults, and for families with children 5 years and older. Join Jim Parks and Julie Anne Collier of Wingmasters for this exciting presentation that will introduce you to different types of raptors including hawks, owls, eagles, and falcons. See live birds of prey up close and learn about the special features these birds have that enable them to be successful predators. We'll talk about how they hunt, what they eat, and their amazing vision, hearing, and feathers. Birds (subject to change) may include golden eagle, red-tailed hawk, saw-whet owl, and more. Advance registration is required. FEE: \$12 per person (discount for Mass Audubon members). To register, call 978-887-9264.

Owls Prowl for families

Saturday February 17
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For families with children 5 years and older. Bring the family for a fun evening and learn about our local owls through slides and activities. Then we'll head out for a walk on the sanctuary to experience the night world and listen for the calls of screech-, barred, and great horned owls. Dress warmly. FEE: \$10/adults, \$8/children (discount for Mass Audubon members). Advance registration is required. To register, call 978-887-9264.

Wonder Walk for Families - Who's been here?

Sunday, February 25
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For families with children 3 years and older. This engaging program combines indoor activities with time spent outdoors tracking footprints and searching for other signs of animal activity. Dress warmly. Advance registration is required. FEE: \$9/adults, \$7/children (discount for Mass Audubon members). To register, call 978-887-9264.

Rivier college names Tewksbury resident to Dean's List

Nashua, NH- The following Tewksbury residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester at Rivier College:

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Nancy Carew
Jennifer Jay
Kelly Silva
Caitlin Wilson
Jonathan Wolf

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Murder in Wilmington

According to a statement released on Tuesday from Middlesex District Attorney Gerard T. Leone, Jr.'s office, "Upon arrival, Police discovered the burning body of a woman laying on the ground. Investigators from the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and State Police joined Wilmington Police at the scene, and commenced a joint investigation into the death."

The Medical Examiner's has ruled the cause of death to be a homicide.

"This is an open and active homicide investigation," District Attorney Leone said. "We are seeking any and all information that people may have about the victim or the circumstances of her death."

This marks the third body found in that general area within the last 10 years. The skeletal remains of Amy "Brandi" Sullivan were discovered behind the IRS building on Ballardvale Street in Wilmington on August 7, 1996. Sullivan, from Tewksbury, was 19 years old at the time of her disappearance. Her murder has not yet been solved.

Two years ago the remains of another female victim were discovered off of Ballardvale Street, just over the Andover

line. That victim, like this most recent, was also burned.

Police are following all leads, and are conducting blood tests and a host of other forensic testing.

Based upon an initial examination by the Medical Examiner, investigators released the following known description of the woman at the time of her death:

- White female in her mid 20s
- Approximately 5'0" in height
- Brown hair
- Wearing red Tommy Hilfiger sweatshirt, blue fleece scarf, and blue adidas nylon jacket with a zipper on the front

• Left ring finger with silver wedding band with inside inscription: "Mexico TU88925"

• Left middle finger with silver clatter ring

Authorities are seeking the help of the public to identify the victim or provide additional details about the incident. Anyone with information about the identity of the woman or circumstances of her death is asked to call the Wilmington Police Department at 978-658-5071 or Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office at 617-679-6600.



Everyone has seen cars around town with the Christian symbol of The Fish. Woburn Street resident Joseph Whitmore has one on the sidewalk by his house. Recently about noon on sunny days it began appearing, apparently a reflection of sunlight, however he has not been able to discover the exact cause.

Burbank YMCA hosts Nite Spot

READING, MA - Don't forget to mark your calendar! Nitespot is going on now at the Burbank YMCA. Nitespot is a chaperoned dance, held at the Y, on Friday nights from 7-10 p.m.

Nite Spot is open to middle schoolers in grades 6-8. Dancing to a disc jockey, DJ Fly, and other activities are available all with adult supervision. There are drinks and pizza available for purchase. Tickets for the dance are \$7 and are available at the door.

There is going to be a Valentine's Day Dance Semi-Formal held on Friday, February 9th. This is going to be a special event! Put on your fancy clothes and come down to dance the evening away with your friends. There will be refreshments available for a small fee. The cost for the semi-formal is \$10.

The next scheduled Nite Spot will be held on Friday, February 23rd. For more information call 781-944-9622.

FY08 budget preview

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"In order for the town to meet its revenue needs, it is critical that the new Governor and legislature continue to implement last year's local aid formula," Cairra said. "A reversal to prior year's Chapter 70 funding methods would raise havoc with Wilmington's proposed budget and likely result in deep cuts to programs and service delivery."

Cairra recommends against dipping further into reserves, even if the level of local aid received by the town should fail to meet expectations.

"Should local aid fall below the targeted increase, my recommendation would be to cut the budget rather than to allocate any amount from free cash above \$575,000," Cairra said.

The FY08 budget represents a 4.63 percent increase over the FY07 spending projections of \$68,866,598. The increase will cover staffing increases in the Police and Fire Departments, the library administrative staff, and will create a full time Veterans Agent.

The proposed budget for the Water Department will decrease by nearly \$800,000 from FY07. Following a re-examination of the labor force, one Water Treatment Operator position will be eliminated.

"The previously funded water main construction project on Woburn Street will begin this year and the town expects, at long last, to see the commencement of the MWRA pipeline connection project," Cairra said. "The \$4.1 million construction project is being funded by Olin Corporation."

The School Department will be looking at a 5.57 percent increase in its budget, which will include the addition of three new teaching positions at the high school.

"I believe that the proposed 5.57 percent increase in appropriation is wholly demonstrative of the town's awareness that educating its young people is a priority second to none," Cairra said.

Cairra credited some of the municipal unions' willingness to accept less costly insurance alternatives with assisting the town in its attempts to reign in the ever-rising costs of benefits.

The FY08 budget will, in addition to other capital expenditures, fund the purchase of five police cruisers, a new safety dispatch computer system, a new front end loader with snow blower and a new one-ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works, and will fund three major facility improvement projects; replacing a 30-year old roof at the Buzzell Senior Center, a roof repair at the high school, and the replacement of one boiler at the high school.

"This level of funding will enable the town to maintain programs, improve service levels, ensure the health and safety of its residents, support important education initiatives and fund necessary capital equipment, facility and infrastructure needs," Cairra said. "The budget proposes a modest expansion of staffing in the areas of human services, education and public safety and meets employee contractual obligations in the areas of compensation, pensions and health insurance."

Selectmen's responses to the proposed budget were unanimously positive. Each of them expressed a desire to digest the information more fully and to discuss the budget in detail during the next Board of Selectmen meeting on February 12th.

WHS passes "Go"

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Companies and businesses can sponsor a tournament table for \$100-\$150, a refreshment stand for \$75, custodial services for \$50, food for \$30, beverages for \$20, and paper cups/napkins for \$15. Not a company? You can still help by a general donation of your gratitude, or even donations of food and beverage!

All donations are greatly appreciated. Sponsored tables or refreshment stands will feature the companies name, logo, and important information such as contact numbers and websites. Anyone interested in participating can email monopoly_in_wilmington@yahoo.com for a registration form or more information.

Help those in need Volunteers needed

In 2007 make a resolution to help your community. The American Cancer Society is in need of Road to Recovery volunteers to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements is a challenge. The American Cancer Society provided more than 15,000 rides to cancer patients in Massachusetts last year, but needs new volunteer drivers to keep up with the demand.

One way you can make a critical difference in the fight against cancer is by becoming a driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program. Currently there is a high demand for volunteer drivers. Drivers use

their own vehicle to drive patients to and from their treatments. The schedule for volunteers is flexible, treatment appointments take place weekdays primarily during business hours.

"Going through cancer treatment is a very stressful experience. Assisting a cancer patient with transportation a few times a week can help to alleviate some of the stress," explains Jennie Ray, longtime Road to Recovery driver for the American Cancer Society. "To help someone in their fight against cancer is truly humbling, I am honored to volunteer my time and energy to the Road to Recovery program."

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver for the program, please contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org

Trebeck in the classroom?

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but the experience proved useful for Woodward who said, "The experience on Paranoia taught me what to expect on game shows."

Woodward also credits his years of experience playing Quiz Bowl as an ingredient for his success. Quiz Bowl is a trivia game commonly played in high school and college. The college version, referred to as College Bowl, is usually played between two teams with four players each.

"In 1999, I was on the USC College Bowl team and we played against Ken Jennings on the Brigham Young University team. Ken currently holds the Jeopardy! title of winning seventy-five straight games and winning a record \$1.5 million. In 2000, I was on the College Bowl national championship team that competed at Bentley College. I volunteer to help out with College Bowl now. I'll be

helping at the New England regional tournament next month."

With knowledge, experience and passion, what else could be needed to win the game? Well, it doesn't hurt that his good friend Craig Barker won College Jeopardy! in 1997. Woodward shared, "I called my friend Craig and said, 'Give me tips! How do I win?' and he stressed the importance of quick timing. He also gave me a lot of trivia information that he had accumulated over the years."

Jeopardy! does not provide study guides to help contestants prepare. However, they do give helpful pointers such as watch the show as much you can, watch it standing up using a pen as a buzzer, and keep score. Woodward's score varies but he claims to be getting about two-thirds of the questions right. He feels his two biggest challenges will be in the categories of

music and politics.

When asked about his student's reactions to the news, Woodward said, "The reaction has ranged from disbelief to really excited. Some of them wouldn't believe me, because I joke around with them a lot. Many of my students don't regularly watch the show, but they said they will when I'm on it."

He concluded, "I'm extremely excited! It's like having a lottery ticket, one with extremely good odds. Your mind runs

through all the things you can do if you win. I'm also nervous, because I don't want to blow it."

Woodward has decided not to tell his parents of the news yet, and is opting to keep it as a 'big surprise.' The show does not have a specific airdate yet, but will most likely be broadcast sometime in April.

A Closer Look

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which expires in 2010. Cox currently holds the other seat which is up for its five year term election.

John P. Goggin was elected to the Housing Authority last April and has served as the Chairman for the last four months. Explaining the group's mission, Goggin said, "The Housing Authority administers all publicly owned housing within the town of Wilmington. We also administer the Federal Section 8 Voucher Program (low income housing)."

He continued, "We work closely with the state's Department of Housing and Community Redevelopment, which oversees all of the Housing Authorities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Aspects of administration include setting policy, approving budgets and hiring the Housing Authority's Executive Director, who runs the day to

day business operations including hiring, terminations, evaluations and applications for the Housing Authority.

At the last meeting, the Housing Authority approved the hiring of Theresa Georgopoulos, who will serve as Executive Director for a three year term. Georgopoulos had previously held the role as part of a one year contract.

The Housing Authority operates with an annual budget of \$350,000 and administers 72 units of 667 Housing (elderly and handicapped), 13 units of 705 Housing (family), 11 units of Section 8 (low income) federal housing, and subcontract for another 35 units. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Deming Way. All meetings are open to the public.

As of press time, one person had pulled nomination papers. The Town Clerk's office confirmed that Leona Bombard has taken the first step toward

running for an open seat.

Goggin noted, "There's been a bit of interest in the open positions. I've had a few calls here and there inquiring about the role and responsibilities of the Authority."

When asked about the type of individual that would be a successful member, Goggin replied, "That's a hard question. Ultimately, the voters will decide that. I would say that it's good to have a diversity of people and ideas."

He added, "And, people interested in working with the elderly - and dealing with the needs of the elderly - and those with special needs. Having a little accounting experience would be helpful, but most importantly is the desire to serve the

community."

Describing his personal experience as a member, Goggin said, "It's something new. I'm learning as I go along. I have a lot of interest in housing and I've run meetings in the past. I got involved due to my desire to give back to the community. It's great to meet people and see them voice their opinion. We're a close knit community and I like working with people."

Nomination papers are currently available at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall. To appear on the ballot, candidates must return papers, with the signatures of at least fifty registered Wilmington voters, to the Town Clerk's office by March 9th.



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Diffident recluse

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Henry spent his entire life.

Contrast his lineage with his personal life. His contemporaries nicknamed him "Henry Penny," a name he hated. His parents separated and he was raised by two maiden great-aunts. It is said that he slept between them until adulthood.

In many ways, Henry was a genius. Primarily, he was a bicycle mechanic, but more accurately, he was a jack-of-all-trades. He could build and fix many things. Give him a mechanical problem, and he'd figure it out. Yet he attended only 20 days of formal school in his life. And a quirky life it was.

While Henry was in his 20s, a streetcar line was built that went past his door. The tracks came down Church Street to Middlesex Avenue, and then onto Wildwood Street. Henry Penny lived at the end of

the stump of that tree with a cousin, John Henry Buck. And he saved some of the wood, which he later used in some carvings.

It is said that Henry's father, John Sheldon "Shorty" Sargent, came down from New Hampshire. That may be true, but so did Shorty's father, John B. Sargent, and he married Clarissa Sheldon of Wilmington. Apparently John and Clarissa went back to New Hampshire, for that is where Shorty was born. There was another son, Charles, who became a selectman in Wilmington.

But as you trace the lineage back, things get interesting. Clarissa Sheldon's father was Asa G. Sheldon, whose autobiography, "Wilmington Farmer" is in the Wilmington Memorial Library. "Farmer" is a modest understatement of Asa's occu-

Daniel Eames and Abigail Harnden, she who survived the 1706 (or 07) Harnden Massacre.

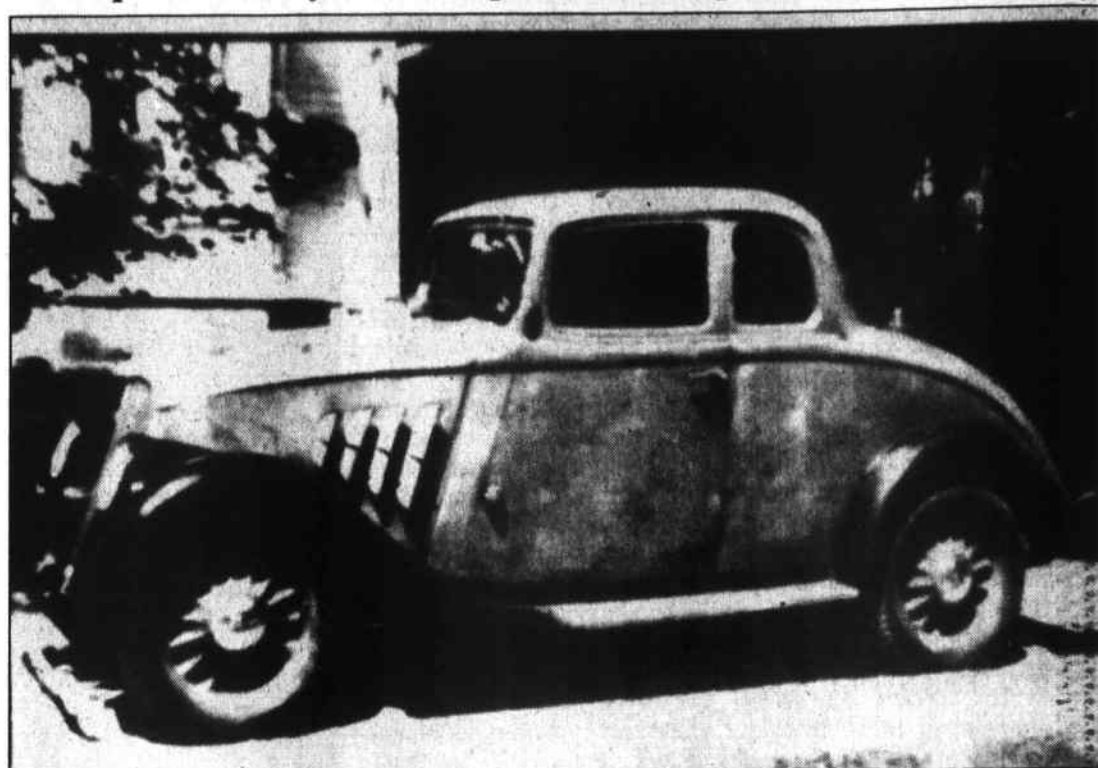
And Joshua Harnden was the son of John Harnden, brother to Abigail, also a survivor of the massacre. John married Mary Jaquith.

It's an interesting family tree. Suffice it to say, Henry Wilson Sargent had solid Wilmington roots, some of them interrelated. It was in an era when traveling was difficult, and folks tended to marry people they knew.

On his mother's side, he was a Buck. Henry's mother was Angelina Buck. Her birth is not listed in the records. Capt. Larz Neilson had speculated that Angelina might have been the daughter of Darius Buck. There is, however, no record of Darius ever having married.

But there is a birth recorded on Oct. 17, 1852 of a girl, name

An exhibit of Henry Wilson Sargent's things will open at the Harnden Tavern town museum on Sunday, February 4, with an open house from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Henry and Emma Sargent bought this Willys coupe brand-new in 1934 and only drove it to church, but never in the rain. Henry's cousin Eddie Sargent sold it in 1966 to a man in Georgia.



Henry Wilson Sargent, at right, is unmistakable in this picture, taken on Lowell Street about 1895. The man with the oxen is Henry's uncle, Charles Sargent.

Wildwood Street, where it meets Woburn Street.

Henry refused to ride on that streetcar. He would put apples on the stone wall in front of his house for the motorman and the conductor. But he never rode on it - until some locals tied him up and put him in the back of the car. He ended up in Woburn, so mad that he refused a ride home, walking the whole distance.

When that track was built, it was deemed necessary to cut down the Bear Oak, a massive oak tree near Wildwood Street about 50 feet from the Maple Meadow Brook. The tree was so named for it was from under that tree in 1760 that Henry's ancestor, Ephraim Buck III shot the last bear to be killed in Wilmington.

Henry posed for a picture on

pation. He was a contractor, and a very good one. He was a state representative. He was also the great-grandfather of Henry Wilson Sargent.

But Asa G. Sheldon could be called a "Johnny-come-lately" in Henry Wilson Sargent's lineage, which includes all of Wilmington's earliest settlers. Asa was a native of Lynnfield who moved to Wilmington in the early 1800s, marrying Clarissa Eames in 1815.

Clarissa Eames Sheldon was the daughter of Ens. Nathan Eames and Susanna Harnden, who were both first cousins and second cousins. Nathan was the son of John Eames and Hannah Cornell. Susanna was the daughter of Col. Joshua Harnden and Sarah Cornell, sister of Hannah.

John Eames was the son of

left blank, to Henry and Sylvania (Butters) Buck. Sylvania Buck died 11 days later.

Adele Passmore of the Wilmington Historical Commission asserts that this was Angelina Buck, the mother of Henry Penny. That has been confirmed by a death record in the 1921 town report.

Henry Wilson Sargent's family tree, therefore, includes the Butters family, believed to be the oldest family in town.

Henry Buck was the oldest of five children of Jonathan Buck, a wealthy hop farmer. Henry was born on Dec. 10, 1821, Caroline in 1825, Darius in 1826, Catharine in 1832, and Harriet in 1837.

Henry Buck married Sylvania Butters in 1844. They had two daughters, Adelaide Sylvania,

born in 1847 and Angeline, in 1852. The older girl died in December 1869.

The 1860 census lists Jonathan Buck, 64, living with his wife Betsey, 58, Caroline, 35, Darius, 32, Harriet, 22 and Annie, 7. But there was no mention of Henry or Adelaide Sylvania. The 1870 census lists the same family, except for Betsey, who died in 1865. Angeline was listed as being 17 and at school.

There is no remarriage listed for Henry Buck, but there are two births recorded showing him as the father. In 1854, a son was born, no name given, to Henry and Sarah Ann. Then there is a daughter, Sarah Alvina, born to Henry and Sarah Jane on Nov. 7, 1857. Henry Buck died in 1867.

Angeline married John "Shorty" Sargent in 1871. They lived in the Darius Buck house with other members of the family. It was there that Henry Wilson Sargent was born in 1873. A second child, a daughter Jennie was born in 1877, but she only lived to the age of two and a half.

Jonathan Buck, Angeline's grandfather, died in 1879.

It is not known when Angeline and Shorty separated, but they did. Shorty went to live in a shack down by the railroad tracks near West Street, a quarter mile away. He was the gate tender at the Woburn Street crossing.

Angeline eventually married a man named Morton Hayden, and they moved into a house on Wildwood Street about 100 yards from the Darius Buck

house. Nothing is known about Hayden, other than that he married Angeline in 1894. It is not known when Angeline met him or what happened between her separation and her remarriage, but there is a gap of more than 10 years.

Henry Wilson Sargent grew up as a diffident recluse and was never taken far from home. Henry was small and his great-aunts were overprotective, to the point of having him sleep between them in one bed, an arrangement that supposedly continued until Caroline's death in 1901, when Henry was in his late twenties. Harriet died in 1917.

The 1920 census shows Henry's mother living with him, listed as Angie Hayden.

In 1924, the residents of Wilmington were surprised to learn that love had entered Henry's life. He married Emma Murray, who ran a store at Perry's Corner, about a quarter-mile away. They were both 51 years old.

Things changed for Henry at this point, beginning with their honeymoon. They went to Nashua, N.H. on a train, Henry's first such ride. They bought a Model T Ford, his first car. Ten years later, they

bought brand new 1934 Willys. Henry only drove it to church on Sundays, and then only if there was no rain.

In their quirkiness, Henry and Emma were well suited for each other. According to one story they would re-use their coffee grounds for several days. If Henry got sick, Emma would administer medicine to him. She and her sister would pick up sticks as they walked for the stove in the store.

Henry died in 1941. Emma went to live with her sister, Edie Symmes. Before her death in 1954, she gave permission to Helen Hayward to take some of Henry's things. Mrs. Hayward kept the collection together and recently gave it to the Wilmington Historical Commission.

Other things were left with Edie, who left them to some of her relatives. These have recently turned up, as well.

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(The writer would like to thank Dan Harnden for research assistance.)

News from our Wilmington Middle School Correspondent...

Peer Mediation at Wilmington Middle School



By John Keating

Advice from Judge Judy or Dr. Phil isn't needed at the Wilmington Middle School as students resolve their own issues under the guidelines of a program run by two middle school teachers. Rosangela Farulla, a foreign language teacher, and Julie Norton, a language arts teacher, both at the middle school, head up a peer mediation group that listens to disputes between students and offers solutions to try to settle the issues before they become bigger problems.

The Wilmington Public Schools peer mediation program was reestablished in 2004 and is sponsored through the Safe and Drug Free School Grant of the Massachusetts Department of Education. It is a program that runs in many of the town's schools and has been used to settle disputes between students beginning in the fourth grade. Farulla said, "I think the strength of the program is

the continuity from year to year. We try to use the same mediators who joined the program in the fourth grade right through until the end of the program in the eighth grade. The students get to know and trust the peer mediators when they see them every year and the mediators become better skilled at the mediation process due to their continual work in dispute resolution."

Many students who have used this program find that it's easier to speak to other students about their issues and problems than to an adult. "This program works because kids understand other kids better than adults understand them at times. It's easier for kids to talk to other kids than to parents and teachers. I see the

positive results from this program and I'd like to see more students coming to mediations in the future," said Farulla.

Wilmington Middle School principal, Frank Orlando, believes the program to be a good idea that offers much potential in the future. "Peer mediation holds a lot of potential to help students understand how to handle their relationships with each other. Students receive training on how to mediate student issues to satisfactory conclusions. These skills will not only help the students today, but be skills that they will use throughout their lives."

John Keating is a sixth grader in Discovery House at Wilmington Middle School. He is the third student to take

advantage of a Town Crier correspondence program initiated by Wilmington Middle School teacher Michael Mahoney, and enthusiastically agreed to by the Town Crier. We look forward to bringing our readers monthly installments of the series, in which Wilmington students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will report on the news of the day. Students interested in participating are encouraged to contact Mr. Mahoney in Room 125.

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POTE: Mike as you probably know on Friday night, Wilmington High senior Ashley Vitale became the first female player in the basketball program to score 1,000 points in a career in the team's win over Manchester-Essex. With the timing of her achievement, the question is whether or not Ashley's No. 32 jersey should eventually be retired. And my answer is yes.

Currently there's four numbers that are retired at WHS. There's the two football guys named Mike Esposito and Jack Bowen, as well as former field hockey Olympian Megan Donnelly, and former Big League pitcher Jason Bere. In my opinion, I think once an incredible milestone like scoring 1,000 points in a career, then a high school jersey number should be retired.

IPPOLITO: Jamie, or should I call you Mr. Sentimental, I have to disagree. Not to take anything away from Ashley in particular, I just don't feel that high school numbers should be retired.

The accomplishment of Ashley or anybody who is able to achieve 1,000 points is truly remarkable and should be celebrated. She is a remarkable athlete who Wilmington fans should be grateful to have watched. But the argument is not about her, it is about the practice of retiring high school numbers in general. I just don't see a reason for it. These are high school athletes where the concept of team first is taught above all else and to retire the number of an individual, regardless of how great they are, emphasizes the individual accomplishment over the team.

POTE: The team concept yes is very important in high school Mike, or should I call you Scrooge. But when milestones such as this one occur, it should be recognized more than just flowers, balloons and a picture at half court.

Esposito and Donnelly have been called the greatest athletes in their respective sports and the two of them have their numbers retired. Mike Lombard is the greatest boys basketball player ever at WHS, who also has surpassed the 1,000 point plateau and his No. 22 isn't hanging from the wall. Neither are the other two members, Winston Fairfield and Eric Swiezynski, of that elite 1,000 point milestone and all of their names should be listed right under the other four.

Reaching 1,000 points means you have to average 12.5 points a game throughout your four years. That's incredible - and very rare for a freshmen or sophomore to start on a team, nevermind average 12.5 points per game.

IPPOLITO: I feel that the fact that the numbers of a lot of these great athletes have not been retired validates my point. Does the fact that Mike Lombard's number is not retired diminish the great athlete that he was in any way? The answer is no. Those who saw him play know that they were witnessing greatness in action.

And while I would agree that the 1,000 points milestone is an amazing accomplishment that should be greatly honored, I do not believe that it should be an automatic ticket to having your number retired.

As I said, it does not diminish the greatness of any of these players to not have their number retired. But if you begin to set a criteria like that, you may end up with a wall full of retired numbers, and that may diminish the truly one of a kind athletes that Esposito, Bowen, Donnelly and Bere were.

POTE: Mike I do agree that sometimes, teams get carried away with retiring numbers. Hey look at the Boston Celtics with Cedric Maxwell. But when it comes to high school, where Wilmington High has already set a precedent with four retired numbers, those four basketball players who surpassed 1,000 career points and those who do it in the future, yes should have their numbers retired.

Why would you honor football achievements and not basketball or any other sport for that matter?

Tewksbury High doesn't retire numbers and I think that's a shame because there's a lot of tremendous athletes who achieved greatness over their athletic careers. Not including the 1,000 point scorers in basketball, how about former hockey greats Russ Mann and Derek Doherty? Certainly those two names should be honored more than just conversations of 'remember when'.

In my opinion, if you reach 1,000 career points in basketball, or if you reach 100 points in ice hockey, or if you're a state champion your number or your name should be hanging from the Wall of Fame at both Wilmington and Tewksbury High School.

IPPOLITO: I am going to have to continue to disagree with you here Jamie. While I agree that all of these milestones that you mentioned, like 1,000 points in basketball or 100 points in hockey are truly remarkable, I feel like you are putting a set criteria on retiring a person's number.

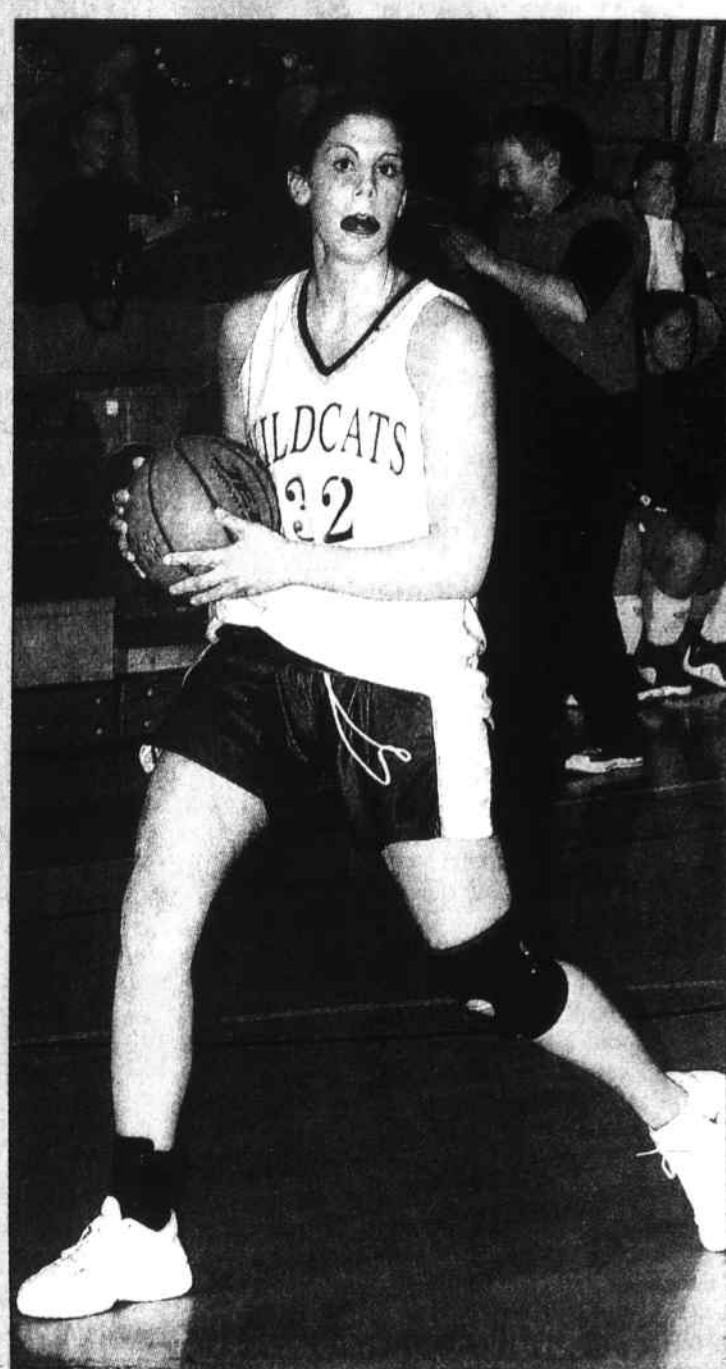
You make a good point about the Celtics and their retiring of numbers like Maxwell (or Don Nelson, for that matter). As long as we're looking at professional teams, why not consider the Red Sox as an example. The Sox have retired only five numbers (not including Jackie Robinson's #42). Only Joe Cronin, Bobby Doerr, Carl Yastrzemski, Ted Williams and Pudge Fisk.

But does that mean that Wade Boggs, Fred Lynn, Dwight Evans, and my all time favorite Jim Rice were not tremendous ball players for the Sox, or that they did not mean a great deal to the organization? Of course not. The Sox have just set a higher standard for retiring numbers.

Fans of Wilmington and Tewksbury should be grateful for having watched the tremendous athletes you have mentioned. They each brought greatness to the athletic fields of their high schools. I just don't feel that the schools should be retiring their numbers.

Dialing up 4 digits

Senior Ashley Vitale makes female history netting 1,000 points



Wilmington High senior Ashley Vitale became the first female basketball player ever to score 1,000 career points after scoring the milestone basket during the first half of Friday's win at Manchester High School. Last Wednesday, she scored 15 points, and handled the ball several times, including the photos to the left and above, during the team's win over Salem.

(JoeBrownphotos.com)

Makes milestone basket against Manchester-Essex

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER - Last Wednesday night, the home crowd at the Larry Cushing Gymnasium were going crazy everytime Ashley Vitale scored a basket. She went into the game needing 19 points to reach the impressive 1,000 point plateau. Her classmates and friends packed the stands, and posted up numbers on the wall counting down from 10 to 8 to 6. With the number four on the wall, Vitale had a chance to get the number down in the final seconds of a ten-point victory, except instead of shooting the ball, she passed it off to one of her teammates.

Being that unselfish team player throughout her fabulous four-year career is why Ashley Vitale celebrated two nights later as the only female player in the history of the Wilmington High School girls basketball program to ever reach 1,000 career points in a career.

Taking a pass in the middle of the paint, Vitale pumped to one side, before going top her left and leaped over a double team with a jump shot that nailed the rim, and then falling to its right for a history making basket.

Vitale joins Winston Fairfield (Indiana University), Mike Lombard (Dartmouth College) and Eric Swiezynski (St. Michael's College) as the lone four players in the history of high school basketball here in WHS to achieve 1,000 career points.

Vitale only scored five points in the game as the 'Cats went on to a crushing 58-19 victory over Manchester-Essex, but that field goal is something she'll never forget but at the same time is glad it's over.

"I'm so glad it's over and I can stop worrying about it," she said after the game. "I told everyone not to tell me how

many points away I was, because I knew I would just end up freaking out about it. I wasn't really nervous (on Friday) but I was really nervous (last Wednesday) at home."

When the basket did go in, head coach Jay Keane took a timeout. That's when the announcers made the official call of the milestone, while her teammates and coaching staff presented her with a loud applause, the game basketball, and other gifts including flowers and balloons before a standing ovation from the crowd.

"I think there was some pressure for Ashley to get her points," said Keane. "Actually she put back a really hard shot to get it, so that was nice. The people up here were excellent - the (head) coach (Lauren Dubois) and the athletic director really made it nice for her giving her the actual game ball after the game was over, and sometimes that's hard on the road."

"The whole team is really happy for her. I know Ashley was a little nervous about it, but the whole team really wanted to see her get it."

But wanting to get it really was never on the front burner for Vitale, who said that she believes she will be attending Endicott College in the fall with hopes of playing basketball.

"Ashley is such a great kid and she's so unselfish," said Keane. "She even said tonight 'I don't want to get it and lose. I want to get it only if we win'. Her goal tonight was to win the game and if she got her 1,000 points she got her 1,000 points but ultimately she just wanted to win the game and that's how she's been all season."

"She's been really unselfish. She's one of my co-captains and has done a real nice job as a leader."

Achieving 1,000 career points in a four-year career is very

difficult in high school. Only three male players have done it at WHS, thus Vitale becomes the fourth player. Playing 20 games a season (not counting state tournament games) one must average 12.5 points per game all four years.

In her three-plus seasons, Vitale has played in 78 games, with the team's record of 49-29 including three post season games.

Vitale scored 208 points as a freshman, including five in her first varsity game against Triton. She followed that up with 311 points as a sophomore and then 304 as a junior.

After Tuesday's loss to Pentucket, Vitale has scored 1,017 career points, an average 13.0 points per game. Incredibly in her last three seasons, she has scored in double figures in 45-of-57 games.

"This is definitely the best team I've been on in the four years I've been here," Vitale said. "We're all friends off the court, we work amazing together and we have awesome team chemistry. And (my teammates) are the reason why I got the 1,000 points. We're just all wicked good friends and just all united."

Vitale added that she can't thank and appreciate her teammates enough because they are the ones who get her the ball, and they are the supporting cast that has helped her become one of the best centers in the area. But actually it's her teammates who are thanking Vitale.

"I've never seen someone more passionate about the game of basketball," said teammate Brianne Bozzella. "Ashley is just phenomenal. She epitomizes the result of dedication, hardwork, and commitment. It's no wonder coach describes her as being a great role model for younger kids because she really is."

"She picked up a basketball for the first time in fourth grade and from there on out, her skills just skyrocketed. She never gave up and developed an incredible talent for the game."

"Ever since freshmen year I knew Ashley had the ability to leave quite a mark here at Wilmington High, and when she reached that 1,000 point milestone, I couldn't have been any happier," Bozzella continued. "It's great to see a player like Ashley do something like

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By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It was if it was a first period class on a Monday morning. The atmosphere was very blasé and subdued. And no one would have noticed that the Wilmington High Girls hockey team just won its third Cape North League title in the past four years without several reporters pointing it out.

"You noticed that, huh? I don't know what it is," said coach Joe McMahon after his team defeated Beverly, 5-1 at the Ristuccia Exposition Center on Saturday afternoon. "We locked up first place and I don't know, it was a strange game all around."

"I don't know what it is with these girls. We put the puck in the net (five times and still there not much celebrating). It was just a strange game."

"Maybe it will dawn on them (Sunday night) at practice but they just didn't seem too excited. It just seemed like a lackluster game all around even the fans weren't in it. It was very strange."

Part of that bizarre feeling was the fact that Beverly didn't forecheck until they were they scored a goal late in the second period making it a 2-1 game. Before that, whenever the puck went into Wilmington's territory, Beverly's three forwards stayed at the blue line and never tried to come in to get the puck.

That helped the 'Cats take a 2-0 lead after the first period, and then a 4-1 lead after the



The 2006-07 Wilmington High girls hockey team captured the North Cape League title this past Saturday after defeating Beverly at home, 5-1. This is the third time in the past four years the team has won the league championship. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

second period before icing the victory and the league title with one more goal in the third period.

"I think it would have been better if we won the league title after last week's win (over Marblehead)," said co-captain Jessica Sciolli. "We knew coming into this game they we could beat (Beverly) so I think that's why (we're not that excited)."

While Sciolli, who scored two goals, said there wasn't much excitement, freshman goalie Amelia Woodbury also acknowledged the lack of cheers and high-fives but that didn't keep her from the thrill of being a part of it.

"I know that I'm really excited about it," Woodbury said. "Last year we weren't able to do it but we're pretty happy

about it. This means a lot to me. When I first was on the team I was in sixth grade and the team was winning. Then we didn't win last year, so now being a freshman and a starter I'm just so happy to be a part of the title."

Woodbury added that she isn't all that satisfied with the way she has played this season and said that if it wasn't for her teammates, she might not have enjoyed Saturday's win as much.

"This year I don't think I'm as good as I was before but our team is great," said Woodbury. "Our defensemen are amazing, our forwards with Jess Sciolli and Maria Tucker are incredible and they are just so awesome. Bridget (Griffin) and Alicia (Nazzaro) are amazing especially when they

are out there together. They just own the blue line."

"I don't know why I don't think I'm as good but I've let in more goals this year and I was much more confident last year. But with the defense I have in front of me it's great because they clear out all of those rebounds."

Whatever the case may be, one thing is for sure this year's Wildcat girls hockey team are league champions ... achieving this for the third time in the past four years.

"I think it's very impressive and I'm really happy with what these girls have done," said McMahon. "The girls have worked really hard. But midseason it gets like this because the girls get tired. The cold weather is setting in, they get up at 5:00 am and they

get tired. They have worked hard and they deserve this title."

Perhaps the lack of celebration was due to the fact that the team wants to achieve bigger goals, starting with next month's state tournament.

"We just have to play like we have been playing," said Sciolli. "We already know a lot about the other teams we will be facing in the states, so we feel that we can take them all."

Until then, Sciolli for one will enjoy the league title.

"I definitely wanted us to win the league title this year because we didn't get it last year," she said. "I would have liked to have had it all four years I was here but three out of four years is pretty good." Indeed it is.

Sciolli celebrates in style

This has been the month of milestones here at Wilmington. It first started on Saturday, January 20th when Jessica Sciolli scored her 100th goal as a member of the girls varsity ice hockey team in their win over Marblehead. It continued this past weekend Sciolli and the rest of the girls hockey team won its third Cape North League Championship in the past four years with a 5-1 win over Beverly.

Sciolli, who is actually a senior at North Reading High School but plays for Wilmington as part of school partnership, said becoming the first female player to reach 100 goals is something she'll never forget.

"I knew I was close," she said. "A bunch of my family mem-



bers were here for it so that was pretty good."

Sciolli and her family have gone through some tough times as her cousin Matt was in a tragic automobile accident up in Bridgeton, Maine. He survived the crash while one of his friends is still in very serious condition, and the others were killed.

"He's doing well," she said. "He just got cleared to start playing hockey again."

And that has seemed to have helped Jessica get through the tough times - playing the sport she loves, just like her cousin.

"When we first got here, we just wanted to help the program turn it around so we had no idea what would (eventually) happen," she said. "The 100 goals means a lot especially because I did it here in Wilmington. It feels like I'm from Wilmington."

Sciolli now has 23 goals and 15 assists in just 12 games this season, while in her career she currently has 102 goals and 64 assists for 166 points.

- JAMIE POTE -

Wildcats trap Beverly for 11th victory

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High girls hockey team defeated Beverly, 5-1, on Saturday afternoon at the Ristuccia Exposition Center which pushes the team's record to 11-1 overall, while, it also nailed down the program's third Cape North league title in the past four years.

Sara Alonardo and Jessica Sciolli each scored two goals, while, Bridget Griffin had a goal and an assist, and Maria Tucker had two assists to lead the charge offensively. Alicia Nazzaro also added an assist, while goalie Amelia Woodbury

made 9 saves to record the win.

The game started off on a very slow and strange pace as Beverly played a trap style of play, putting all three forwards on the blue line instead of forechecking inside the 'Cats zone. That seemed to work for a little while as the 'Cats were frustrated and didn't seem to pass as much as they could have.

"I don't know what the Beverly coach (Fiona Rice) was doing but I have never seen that style of hockey played before," said Wildcat coach Joe McMahon. Wilmington took the lead

right out of the gates as Alonardo scored a power play goal just 1:37 into the game on a wrist shot from the slot as she was set up by Tucker and Sciolli.

Less than three minutes later, Sciolli scored her first goal on the day as she was sent in alone by Nazzaro and finished the scoring chance deaking the goalie making it 2-0.

The score stood that way until Beverly caught a break as Corey Konaxis put home a rebound shot making it 2-1. Beverly decided to start forechecking after that but it didn't matter as Sciolli came in

off the ensuing face-off and put a perfectly placed wrist shot to the top right hand corner making it 3-1 just ten seconds after Beverly got on the scoreboard.

Griffin made it 4-1 before the end of the second period, before Alonardo scored her second goal of the game with 10:55 to go in the game.

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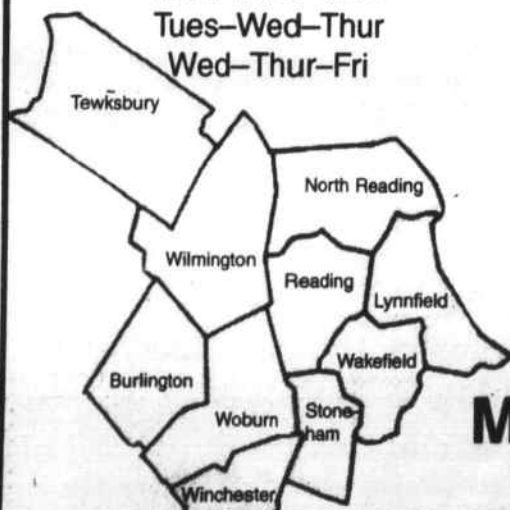
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The 4x4 team recently qualified for states at State Relays. The other team members include Taryn Martiniello, Charlotte Jensen, and Natalie Russo. All season we have fought to qualify for states, and finally our hard work paid off. Even though the 400 is a very intense race, running with these three girls makes it all the more enjoyable. We get along really well, and I'm going to miss running with them next year.

What does it mean to you to be captain?

It is a great honor to be picked for captain. Being a captain means having responsibility to the team and having good sportsmanship. A captain should be supportive and always work hard to set a good example. To me, the most important part of being a captain is to encourage the team to have fun while working hard because that is what a high school sport is all about.

You were also a part of the very successful cross-country team. Talk about that experience.

The cross-country team this year had an amazing season, and I am thrilled to say I had been part of it. Though running long distance is not my strong point, I enjoyed the season very much because everyone on the team was so nice and extremely supportive. There were about a dozen middle school girls on the team as well, and it was great to see how successful they were throughout the course of the season.

How do you balance athletics and academics?

I usually do not have a problem balancing the two because I'm home around 4pm everyday unless there is a track meet. On



SILVIA PG SP6W

Future looks bright on the track

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High boys indoor track team had some great performances in Saturday afternoon's tri-meet with Amesbury and Newburyport in North Andover and came away with mixed results, as they suffered a tough 51-35 loss to a very talented Newburyport team while routing Amesbury by a score of 75-11.

The 1-1 day, which followed on the heels of a very tough 44-42 loss to Hamilton-Wenham last

Wednesday left the Redmen with a 3-5-1 overall record.

As was the case in many of their meets this season, the Newburyport meet provided a great glimpse of what the future holds for the Wildcats, as many of their young athletes were able to compete quite well with the more established Newburyport program.

"I talked to the Newburyport coach after the meet and he told me that we are without a doubt the best three win team in history," Wilmington coach Bob

Cripps said. "It was a good, competitive meet. I just did not like the final score."

The final score against Amesbury was also somewhat tough to take for Cripps, who regretted seeing such a lopsided score against a rebuilding program.

"It was unfortunate that it was a tri-meet with Amesbury because if we had gone against them singly we could have pulled some of our guys as I'm sure Newburyport would have," Cripps said. "But since we were

also going against each other we could not."

The Wildcats had several winners in the tri-meet, including junior Nick Jannone who won the 300 meters in a time of 39.4 seconds, which left him just a 10th of a second off of qualifying for the state meet.

"I am sure he will qualify at the league meet next week," Cripps said.

Senior team captain Mike Golden had his usual stellar day

BOYS TRACK PGSP8W

Lady Wildcats complete regular season with a win

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High girls indoor track-and-field team ended its regular season this week by picking up a win over Amesbury, 59-27, and then falling to both Hamilton-Wenham and Newburyport by the same 57-29 scores.

The Wildcats finished with a 3-7 overall record for the second straight season.

Despite the subpar record, the team had several highlights this week and this season. Sophomore Stephanie Baima took first in all three meets in the high jump, clearing 5-2 on Saturday which tied her personal best. She also went unbeaten in the league this entire season.

Both Lizz Chin and senior co-captain Kim Silvia had strong performances as well. Chin won the 50-yard dash against Hamilton-Wenham and Newburyport with a 7.5 and 7.6 times, respectively. Silvia won the 300 against HW with a time of 42.9 and then won in the same event against both teams on Saturday.

"Kim had a terrific season and was a real model for the team with the workouts," said coach Tom Bradley. "(And Lizz) had a very strong season replacing Jackie Mello as our top sprinter."

Chin and Carmen Palumbo will both be participating in

this weekend's Coaches Meet, as Palumbo is coming off a strong performance taking first in the hurdles with a 7.5 second time. The two of them have qualified for the state meet in each of their events, as well as being part of the 4x200 relay team.

Also last Wednesday, sophomore Natalie Russo won the two mile coming in at 12:30, while she was victorious in both meets on Saturday in the same event.

"I'm looking forward to Natalie to do well in the league meet," said Bradley.

Taryn Martinello and Charlotte Jensen picked up third places in the 600 and 1,000 with respective times of 1:45.2 and 3:12, respectively to round out the scoring against HW.

Picking up wins against Newburyport were the aforementioned Chin, Baima, Russo and Silvia. Another notable highlight came from Kayla Hanson, who ran the hurdles

for the first time last Wednesday and carried that momentum into Saturday's tri-meet. She picked up a second and third, and qualified for the league meet.

Palumbo, Chin, Russo, Silvia, Martinello, Jensen, Baima and the 4x400 relay team all were winners in the meet against Amesbury. The 4x400 team of Russo, Jensen, Martinello and Silvia qualified for the state meet.



The Wilmington High girls 4x400 relay team consisting of, Kim Silvia, Taryn Martiniello, Natalie Russo and Charlotte Jensen qualified for the state meet this past week.

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Local Sports Announcements

Two WHS seniors to be honored in Boston

Wilmington High senior student-athletes Taryn Martiniello and Brienne Bozzella have been chosen to participate in the Massachusetts celebration of National Girls and Women in Sport Day at Faneuil Hall in Boston on Friday, February 2, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

This ceremony, which is sponsored by New Agenda Northeast, Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic

Association and the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, is held annually to honor female athletes in the Commonwealth.

These athletes were chosen because they are positive, contributing members of both their teams and their school.

Martiniello is a three-sport athlete, who was a captain on the girls soccer team this past fall and is currently participat-

ing as a member of the girls indoor track team.

She is also a member of the girls tennis team.

Bozzella is also a three-sport athlete. She too was a captain on the girls soccer team, and is currently a captain on the girls basketball team.

In the spring, Bozzella is a member of the girls track-and-field team.

Nancy O'Neil, athletic director at Lincoln-Sudbury High School and first female athletic director in the Bay State Conference, is slated to deliver the keynote address.

The MIAA Girls and Women in Sport Committee will present the Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award to: Sharon Dupre, athletic director and coach at Blackstone-Millville Regional High School (Blackstone, MA); Karen Grzesik, retired coach and teacher, Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School (Orange, MA), and Gladys Perez-Byrd, Volleyball and Softball Coach at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School

(Boston).

Challenger Division Little League openings

Billerica Little League is now Accepting Registrations for its Challenger Division Baseball Program which will also be open to all surrounding communities including Wilmington, Tewksbury, Chelmsford, Concord, among others.

Beginning with the 2007 Little League Season, Billerica Little League will offer mentally and physically disabled boys and girls ages 6-16 an opportunity to enjoy Billerica Little League Baseball in a fun filled athletic environment structured to their abilities.

This program is designed to make reasonable accommodations that will allow all children with disabilities to play Little League Baseball.

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REGISTRATION: FREE! Please complete the registration form at www.billericalittleleague.org and mail to Billerica Little League, P.O. Box 267, Billerica, MA 01821.

Any questions contact Bill Casey or Dick Howe.

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SCHEDULE: The Challenger Division will open the Billerica Little League Parade and begin playing the Sunday following opening day. Games will be played each Sunday in May through the 2nd week of June. Playoffs will be played the last two Sundays in June.

BUDDIES: Each player is assigned a "Buddy" to help the

players bat, run the bases on field. We are hopeful that with in our Baseball community, Billerica, we will find enough "Baseball Buddies" to help these kids enjoy the game of baseball the way other kids do. Contact: Bill Casey - Player Agent - (978) 671-0881 Dick Howe - Manager - (978) 671-5522.

Youth Hockey sponsors comedy night, March

Please join the Wilmington Youth Hockey Booster Club for a night of comedy and pizza on Sunday, March 25, 2007, at the Prince on Route 1. Doors open at 6:30pm, pizza is served starting at 7:00, show starts at 8:00, and there will be raffles draw at 9:30.

Tickets are \$20 and include the show and pizza. Only 10 tickets will be sold so buy early!!

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For more information contact Michelle Capistran at cmhfc@comcast.net or 65 6477.



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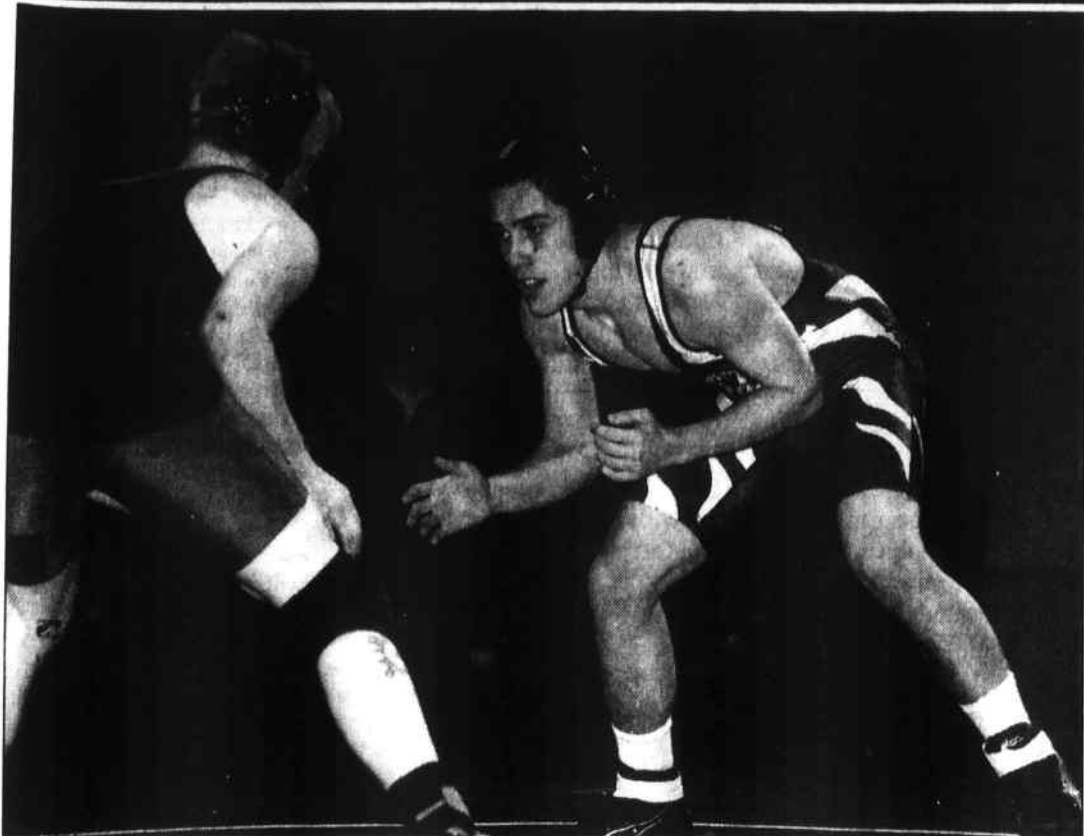
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Wilmington's Kenny Adams continues to improve as a member of the Wilmington High wrestling team, who currently stand at 9-8 on the season. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

Emily Clapp, Katie Phaup and Michelle Saint Aubin

Managers "do everything" for the wrestling team

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA
Sports Correspondent

A great play needs many things. It needs great actors, a good script, and the right props and scenery. Of course, every play has people working behind the scenes, people you don't see. The backstage personnel are arguably the most important people in the play.

The Wilmington High School wrestling program works just like a Broadway show. The three wrestling statisticians, Michelle Saint Aubin, Emily Clapp and Katie Phaup, are the engines behind the scenes. As the wrestlers continue to bring

(Nathan) wrestled, and they asked me if I wanted to do it."

Same goes for Phaup. "My brother (Matt) was on the team when I was a freshman, and they asked me to do it, too."

So the three were in place, slightly unknowing of the chores they were expected to perform on a regular basis.

The three are responsible for keeping the score at all of the meets. This is exceptionally important these days.

"This year there's a rule change, if the scores aren't accurate, and you advance to the next period, it's set in stone and you can't change it," said

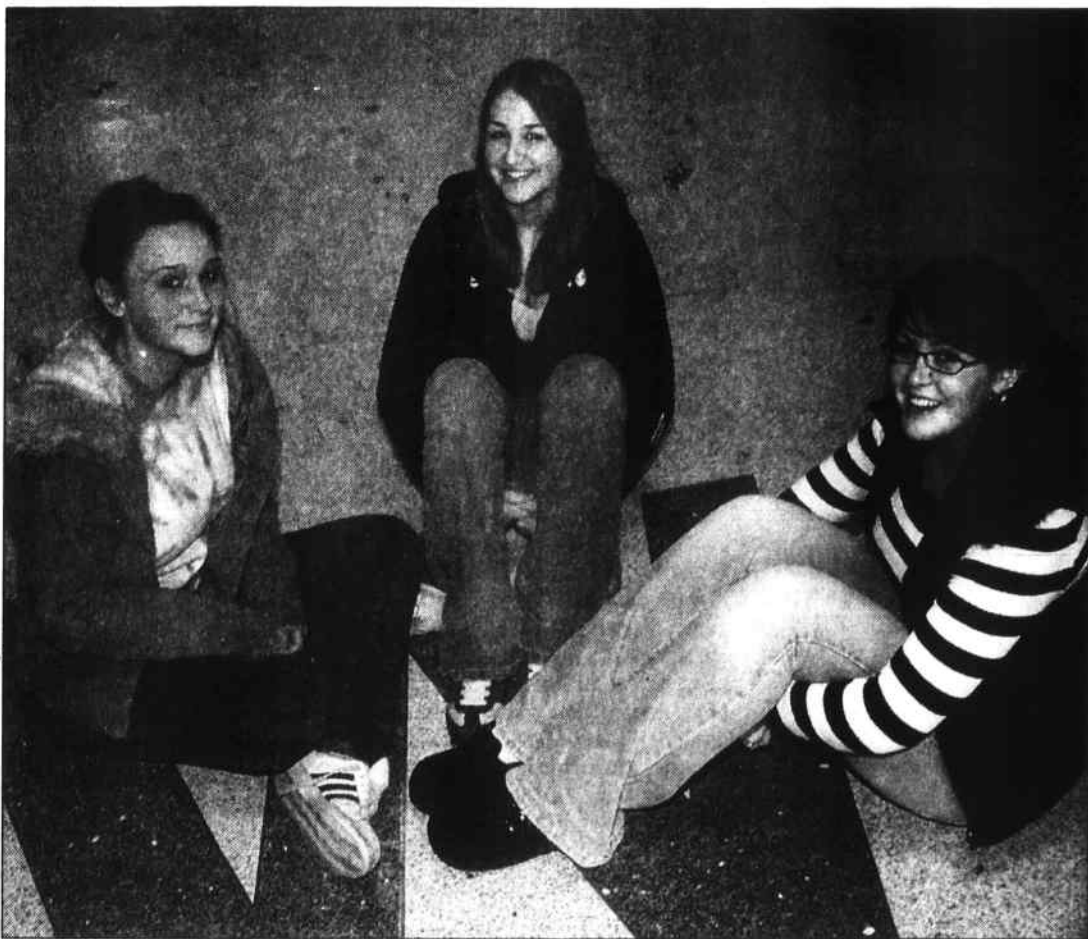
namet that is at the high school every year.

"We do basically whatever coach asks us to do," said Clapp.

Oddly enough, all three of them agreed that most of the things they do are "very hard to explain."

"It's a come and go thing. If something gets thrown at us, we do it," said Saint Aubin. "We do everything that doesn't involve wrestling," noted Clapp. "There's just so much that we do," says Phaup, "it's so hard to explain."

"They're really the backbone of the program," said



Emily Clapp, Kate Phaup, and Michelle Saint Aubin, managers of the Wilmington High School wrestling team. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux -www.printroom.com/pro/shootingstars)

Wrestling team looking for one more victory

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High wrestling team picked up two more wins this past week, meaning the team is not only over the 500 mark at 9-8, but needs one win in its final two matches to qualify for post season play for the second straight year.

Last year was the debut of the dual playoff scenario, and the Wildcats defeated Wakefield before losing to Winchester in the Semifinals of the Division 3 North sectional bracket.

Wilmington faced Tyngsboro on Wednesday night at this paper was being printed, and have one more regular season dual meet match with Haverhill next Wednesday. A win against either team would put the 'Cats back into post season.

"That's what we're shooting for," said coach Mike Pimental. Last Wednesday night, Wilmington defeated Whittier Tech, 39-33, before splitting a pair of matches in Saturday's tri-meet, with a win over Triton Regional, 39-30, and a loss to state contender Greater Lawrence, 67-9.

"The kids are starting to put wins together and it's a real good reflection on the team," said Pimental. "We have guys who are rising to the occasion when we need them too. There are guys are battling real aches and pains and putting the team first and still going out there and getting the job done."

"We are real proud of where we are right now. We're 9-8 in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year and we are still very competitive. That's a good reflection of what the kids have done, and it also bodes well for the future. We show a lot of

promise down the road and the kids have been working really hard."

With the win over Triton, the 'Cats finished the regular season with a 4-2 record against the other Cape Ann League Division 1 teams and are 5-6 against nonleague teams including Whittier and Greater Lawrence.

"It was a dogfight against Whittier Tech and Triton, but you love those exciting matches," said Pimental. "Greater Lawrence is one of the best teams in the state. Just last week they beat North Andover, the returning state champions (who beat us 70-4)."

Wilmington had several individuals wrestle very well over the three meets. A pair of freshmen Christian Sanborn and Jimmy Marr continue to progress at a terrific pace, with Sanborn coming away with a win and Marr picking up all three victories.

"Christian will do whatever it takes to get into the line-up," said Pimental. "He wrestled at 103 and 112 pounds this week and I could put him in there at the 150 pound division and he wouldn't care. He had a big match against Triton and he looked outstanding. He's been a real pleasant surprise for us."

Marr pinned all three of his opponents at the 130-pound class coming at 1:39, 3:37 and 4:19 mark.

"Jimmy has an unlimited amount of potential," said the coach. "He gets better every second of every match and after every match he just grows and grows. He went 3-0 this past week and he has a real sore shoulder."

Also going 3-0 is Kenny Adams, who pinned two of his

opponents, before beating Gr. Lawrence's Brian Rivera, 5-3.

"Kenny's peaking and he's right where he needs to be right now," said Pimental. "He looks confident and he's been looking really good. He's been executing on his technique and he's just scrappy. The big thing for him is he is believing in himself and that should help him realize what he can accomplish at the sectional and state meets come."

Kenny Joyce, Matt Sullivan and Steve Sughrue also picked up two wins apiece during the week. Sughrue is now 27-2 on the season.

"I think this was a good measuring stick for Stevie," said Pimental of the talented sophomore. "He's 27-2 right now and I think it's nice for him to meet that type of competition. It's a tool for him to gauge what it will take for him to get better and better."

John Tranfaglia, Dillon Halladay and Mike Denufrio all picked up wins against Whittier Tech, while Kirk Wayshville picked up a huge win over Rob Webber of Triton with a 7-3 decision.

"Kirk had a real good week," said Pimental. "He beat (Webber) who defeated him last year. I think Kirk has come a long way from last year until now."

Billy Liston also won in the Triton meet with a 4-2 decision over Ryan Slepoy at the 189-pound division.

Inbetween the two dual meets, the 'Cats will participate in the Cape Ann League Championship Meet this Saturday at North Andover High School beginning at 10:00 am.

Go-toe-to-toe with Newburyport

Boys Hockey team gets clipped in final 94 seconds

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

NEWBURYPORT-Really needing to get back on track, Wilmington High boys hockey coach Steve Scanlon challenged his players before Saturday's big match-up against Newburyport. His players responded in every way they could, but couldn't come away with a point as the Clippers scored two goals in the final 1:34 in a 3-2 come from behind victory played at the Gray Arena.

Wilmington is now 4-7-2 overall and have to come away with 10 points in the team's last seven games to qualify for the state tournament for the second straight year.

"It was good to see some kids show some emotion," said Scanlon. "I'm proud of them. I really am. Newburyport is a much bigger and more physical team and we went with them every step of the way. This was our grittiest three periods of the year. But coming away with nothing - well we just didn't deserve that. We just haven't had any puck luck or we just

haven't gotten the bounces this season."

Earlier in the year Newburyport defeated Wilmington 5-1 as physical play really seemed to be the difference in the game. The 'Cats played 500 hockey over the next two weeks but after the Christmas break, the team went 1-4 before beating Amesbury, 8-0, last Wednesday night.

Scanlon said heading into this game Saturday's Cape Ann League game, he had hopes that his team could get back on track, playing physical, playing as a team and playing hard for all 45 minutes. That they did.

"This is a real heartbreaking loss," said Scanlon. "We put the challenge out there for the kids to be physical. The last time we played them, they were physical and we really didn't answer back."

"We just said 'let's try to really go after them and be physical and just skate and hit'. And we came out and played good. The first period we really were going after it."

Newburyport took a 1-0 lead

after the first period as Kyle Roback found the net with 36 seconds left in the first period. But the second period was all Wilmington.

The 'Cats took a 2-1 lead after the second period, which included holding an 11-5 edge in shots. George Boudreau scored the first goal of the period on a nice backhand to the top corner as he was set up by linemates Eric Siegel and Bryan Kelley.

Then Shane Foley gave the 'Cats the 2-1 lead with helpers going to Ernie Mello and Michael Enwright.

"The second period we really took it to them," said Scanlon. "We outshot them and we really played hard the entire way."

The third period stayed that way until the final 1:34. Wilmington was playing very well up to that point according to Scanlon including being outshot 32-24 in the game with goaltender Michael Cabral making several outstanding stops.

Then in the final 94 seconds, Newburyport's Max Bayko, a very talented player, scored



Wilmington High junior Eric Siegel puts on a check while going after a loose puck during a recent Cape Ann League hockey game played at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

both goals. The first came on a bouncing puck in front of the net, and the game winner came on a wrist shot from the point with 29 seconds left in the game.

Wilmington didn't quit in those final few seconds. Cabral came out of the net for an extra skater and the 'Cats had two solid chances to tie the game up, as both Foley and Siegel had bids, with one getting saved and the other just missing the net.

"There was no quit in us," said Scanlon. "I was telling the kids that if we're capable of playing the best team in the league, and if we do that eight times (in a row), we're going to win some games. And hopefully they realize that."

Last Wednesday, Wilmington crushed Amesbury, 8-0 at the

Ristuccia Exposition Center. Michael Enwright led the scoring attack with a goal and four assists, while, Ernie Mello had the hat trick and also picked up an assist. Shane Foley picked up a pair of goals and a pair of assists, while, Zach Church added his first goal of the season and contributed with an assist as well.

Nick Robarge added the other goal, and Jon Kincaid picked up his first assist of the season. Cabral made seven saves to record the shut out as he came out with several minutes to go as back-up Zack Rosa was inserted inbetween the pipes but he didn't face any action.

Wilmington is back in action with three tough games with North Reading on Wednesday night as this paper hit the newsstands, and then North Andover Saturday afternoon at

1:00 pm at Merrimack College, before coming back home on Wednesday against Triton beginning at 7:20 pm.

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North Reading baseball school classes; Colonial Figure Skating Show

The North Reading Baseball School is offering a comprehensive course on teaching baseball skills and techniques. This course was designed to aid all prospective Little League and Babe Ruth Leagues Coaches. Included in the course content are the actual drills and innovative teaching techniques used at the North Reading Baseball School. 1 have had as many as 40 coaches participate from pro-

grams around the North Shore. Please notify other league coaches The instruction will be given by Hall of Fame member, Coach Frank Carey - 2006 A.B.C.A. National H.S. Coach of the Year.

Topics Covered

- Throwing -Progressive drills and theory
- Hitting -Correction common faults -Analyzing video tape -Theory and drills
- Fielding -Progressive fielding drills -Various infield techniques
- Pitching/catching

• Bunting
• Practice organization and administration
• Other topics to be discussed at request

Dates: Feb. 5th and 7th (4 classes). Time 6:30pm - 8:30pm Cost \$55.00 (8 hours instruction) Place North Reading High School Gym - Route 62, North Reading Discount 4 coaches same league qualify-10% discount

If interested contact Coach Frank Carey North Reading Baseball School P.O. Box 161 North Reading, MA 01864
H: 781-842-4042 W: 978-664-7800 ext. 260

events as part of the Colonial Adult Winter Challenge.

In addition to traditional men's, ladies' pairs and dance events, the open will include moves in the field and interpretive events. The Adult Winter Challenge also presents a great opportunity for adult skaters without traditional freestyle programs to compete, by offering team compulsory moves as well as spin and jump events.

The Nashoba Valley Olympia ice arena is conveniently located less than an hour west of Boston with easy access from Boston,

Providence, Hartford and Manchester, NH airports. With three ice surfaces, two dance studios, off-ice conditioning facilities, and World and Olympic level coaches, Nashoba Valley Olympia and the Colonial Figure Skating Club is home to a large, active community of adult skaters.

For more information on this event, please visit www.colonialfsc.com/adult-eastern07.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 04P1367EP1
Notice Of Fiduciary's Account
To all persons interested in the estate of Carroll M. Berg, Sr. late of Wilmington, Middlesex County You a hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the First account of Debra Grossman as administratrix with the will annexed as (the fiduciary) of said estate of the will of said deceased has been presented to said court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge on or before the 6th day of March, 2007; the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, Robert W. Langlois Esquire, ACTING First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this 26th day of January, 2007.

1.31.07 John R. Buonomo
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 06PS479AD1
In the Estate of MARY F. STEARNS AKA MARY FRANCES STEARNS
Late of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death August 29, 2006
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that FREDERICK E. STEARN of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed administrator of said estate to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 13, 2007.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, January 9, 2007.

1.31.07 John R. Buonomo
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Dan Schell, 406 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct an 8' x 21' sunroom on the existing deck. This work is within the 100-foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 1 Parcel 2B, 406 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, MA, 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

1.31.07 Judy Waterhouse, Chair
5576 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 07P0296EP1
In the Estate of
NATHAN E. SMITH
Late of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death December 24, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JAMES G. SMITH of HOPKINTON in the County of MIDDLESEX and LINDA J. BURTON of MIDDLEBURY in the State of Connecticut be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 20, 2007.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, January 23, 2007.

1.31.07 John R. Buonomo
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LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hillary M. Schrank and Bradley L. Schrank to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated December 21, 2004 and recorded with the Middlesex County (North) Registry of Deeds in Book 18241, Page 155 of which mortgage Bank of New York, as Trustee on behalf of the Certificate Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-13 is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 765 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 22, 2007, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Property Address: 765 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876
The land in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the southerly side of Whipple Road, being Lot 3 containing 124,146 square feet, more or less, as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, MA at 735 Whipple Road, for O'Brien Homes, Inc.," dated December 14, 1994, prepared by County Land Surveys, Inc., said plan is recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 7353, Page 161, Plan 187, Plan 75.

Also described as follows:
Land in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, on the southerly side of Whipple Road, being Lot 3 containing 124,146 square feet, more or less, as shown on plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, MA at 735 Whipple Road, for O'Brien Homes, Inc.," dated December 14, 1994, prepared by County Land Surveys, Inc., said plan recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 07353, Page 161, Plan 187, Plan 75.

Subject to encumbrances or easements of record insofar as the same are in force and effect, but not intending to impose the same anew.

Subject also to two takings by the County Commissioners of Middlesex County, one (1) recorded on November 17, 1948 in the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds at Book 1103, Page 568; and the other recorded on June 30, 1952 in said Registry at Book 1198, Page 589.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (North) Registry of Deeds in Book 7573, Page 50.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 c/o Sanjit S. Korde or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Bank of New York, as Trustee on behalf of the Certificate Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-13, present holder of said mortgage, by its attorney
Sanjit S. Korde
Korde & Associates, P.C.
321 Billerica Road, Suite 210
Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100
(978) 256-1500

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Case No. 337352

To Janet E. Brewer, Lawrence Brewer and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas f/k/a Bankers' Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian for IXIS 2006-HE1 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Wilmington numbered as 41 A Lake Street, given by Janet E. Brewer and Lawrence Brewer to Rose Mortgage, Inc. dated November 30, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19594, Page 158, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 12th day of March, 2007, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER Chief Justice of said Court this 24th day of January 2007.

1.31.07 Deborah J. Patterson
5574 Recorder

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 07P0041G11
In the Matter Of
JON E. FOLEY
OF WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To JON E. FOLEY of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX, and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said JON E. FOLEY of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill person and praying that JEANNE SCHIEBER of FRANKLIN in the County of NORFOLK and FERNE CERCHIONE of N ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 16, 2007.

WITNESS HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, January 5, 2007.

1.31.07 John R. Buonomo
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SEWERAGE WORKS IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 9
CONTRACT NO. 31
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for construction of a new Sewerage System, Contract No. 31, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the office of the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts, 01876 until 2:00 PM, February 22, 2007 and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work of this contract shall consist of furnishing and installing approximately 26,800 linear feet of 8-in to 12-in diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and ductile iron (DI) sewer pipe; 1,100 linear feet of 4-in DI force main; 2,720 linear feet of 2-in PVC pressure sewer; one submersible pumping station; including manholes, sewer service connections and appurtenances; 900 linear feet of 8-in DI water main, including fittings, service connections, valves and hydrants; earthwork; dewatering and drainage; paving; restoration; and all miscellaneous work and cleanup as specified.

Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained at the office of Camp Dresser & McKee Inc., One Cambridge Place, 50 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Contract Documents are available for examination at F.W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Co., 24 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA. A deposit of \$60.00 in cash or

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Deadline is Monday 5 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Case No. 336782

To: Linda Wiechec; Walter Wiechec and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 190 Taft Road given by Linda Wiechec and Walter Wiechec to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated September 13, 2005, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 19280, Page 174 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 5th day of March 2007, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 18th day of January 2007.

Attest:
DEBORAH J. PATTERSON
RECORDER
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1.31.07 John R. Buonomo
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check payable to the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts will be required for each set of the Contract Documents. A refund of the deposit will be made for Documents returned in good condition within 30 days after the Bids are received.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents by mail shall include an additional non-refundable check payable to Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. in the amount of \$25.00 per set to cover costs of handling and mailing.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of thirty days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Construction Performance Bond and a 100 percent Construction Payment Bond with a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Wage rates for this Project are subject to the minimum wage rates as per M.G.L., Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H inclusive.

The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M.

The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

Mr. David G. Cressman
1.31.07 Town Manager
5570 Tewksbury, Massachusetts

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 07P0297EP1
In the Estate of SUSAN C. SPRINGER
Late of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death November 12, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that JAMES W. FLOOD JR. OF LOWELL in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 20, 2007.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, January 23, 2007.

1.31.07 John R.
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 7:10 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, filed by Joseph A. Langone, Trustee, Pel-Jol Realty Trust, 20 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, applicant; Michael J. Newhouse, 439R Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner. This filing is for the confirmation of the delineation of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located on Assessor's Map 41 Parcels 109 & 108, 13 & 15 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Judy Waterhouse, Chair
1.31.07 Conservation Commission
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Ashley Vitale dials up four digits

FROM PAGE SP1W

that because she's done so much to deserve it. Being an all-conference selection since sophomore year, Ashley's skill has clearly been an immense part of this program's success for the past

few seasons."

And while all of that certainly is true about Vitale, the thought of doing all of this as a child was certainly a far fetched dream.

"The doctor told me that I

was legally blind when I was in fifth grade," said Vitale. "But I've always had contacts so it really hasn't been a problem. But (earlier this season against North Reading) I got poked in the eye and my contact came out, so that was a problem (because I couldn't see or play)."

During her freshmen and sophomore seasons, playing under then coach Al Duffett, Vitale was the only focus for other teams because of his style of coaching. She would take the large percentage of shots, no matter if she had two or three defenders trying to stop her. Very rarely did the 'Cats try an outside shot and it was obvious that Vitale wasn't comfortable in that role.

Now with Keane, the team's offense is spread out, while each of the five starters all have the potential of having huge scoring games every time out.

"It's so much better (having this kind of offense) because other teams can't focus just on one person," she said. "Now with everyone involved in our offense, we all can shoot and it goes in so it leaves the other teams scrambling on defense on who to cover."

"(My first two years) it was mostly post play and now we opened it up, everyone is involved and we're winning."

And winning the team has done. After the Manchester-Essex game, the Wildcats had a 13 game winning streak but that was snapped on Tuesday night when the team lost to Pentucket Regional putting the team a game behind the Sachems in the league standings.

"Now all we want is to get that Cape Ann League banner. We really want the league title and that banner," she said.

Wilmington has never won a Cape Ann League title since entering the league in the fall of 1995. Two years before that, the 'Cats captured the Merrimack Valley Conference small school title under then head coach Jim Tildsley.

This year's team would like nothing better than to overcome Pentucket and even Masconomet and win the league title, but whether or not that happens, the team realizes what potential it has with Vitale leading the way.

"Hands down Ashley Vitale has got to be the best teammate out there," said Bozzella. "She's the most unselfish, disciplined player I have ever played with. I think we all know that Ashley is capable of throwing up 30 points a game, but she doesn't. You know why? Because she's a team player."

"She knows that we'll succeed playing team ball and not trying to do it ourselves. She's just real smart with the ball; she knows when to take the shot and when not to. Sounds easy, but you'd be surprised at the amount of people that struggle with that concept."

"She herself even said that she was pumped about getting 1,000 points, but it would make her even happier if our team got a Cape Ann League title for the first time ever. That's a girl who thrives off team basketball."

"She's just got this positive aura about her that makes the rest of the team all come together. Honestly, we'd be up a creek without a paddle if we didn't have Ashley."

Whether or not Vitale has ten more double figure games, or whether or not the team does or doesn't win the Cape Ann League, one thing is for sure that a girl like Ashley Vitale, not to mention a basketball player like Vitale, doesn't come around here too often.

"She's (an) outstanding (person)," said Keane. "She's first class. Everyone in this program looks up to her."

Even at some of our home games when the (youth) travel and recreation teams come and watch her. Ashley has been an outstanding citizen and representative to not only herself, but the school and the community."

Said Bozzella, "I couldn't ask for a better best friend. Ashley is the only one I can count on and she's always there for me no matter what. She's got so much going for her and she's sure to succeed in life because of it. Ask anyone, Ashley is just a happy go lucky kind of girl that every-

one loves to be around. What else can I say, she's just awesome."

"Playing with Ashley for the past nine years (and more importantly the past four) has truly been an honor because not only is she an unbelievable ball player, but she's my best friend. What used to be called the 'Boz and Ash show' has turned into one of the best experiences of my life and I love her for it."

"I know I'm going to miss playing basketball with Ashley more than anything else next year."

"But hey, this season's not over yet. The team we have this year is just incredible and with a player and friend like Ashley leading the way, there's just no telling the damage we can cause in this year's state tournament."

And that certainly is true since after all, Ashley Vitale is the only female in the history of the Wilmington High girls basketball program to achieve greatness ... to achieve 1,000 points in her illustrious career

Ashley Vitale's Career

Freshman Year:

Team Record: 10-11 (lost in first round of state tournament to Ham-Wen).

Points Scored: 208

Highlights:

- Scored five points in her first high school game, a 44-32 win over Triton Regional.
- Had her first double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds against North Reading.
- Scored 20 points in buzzer beating win over Ipswich.

Sophomore Year:

Team Record: 9-11

Points Scored: 311

Highlights:

- Scored 32 points in team's 57-54 win at home against Concord-Carlisle
- Had a 22-point game in road win against Georgetown.
- Scored in double figures in 17 of the team's 20 games.

Junior Year:

Team Record: 17-5; team won its first state tournament game in a decade, before losing in the second round of the tournament to Ipswich.

Points Scored: 304

Highlights:

- Scored 20 points in the championship game at the Watertown Holiday tournament.
- Scored 24 points in the team's 58-47 win over North Andover.
- Scored in double figures in 17 of the team's 22 games.

Senior Year:

Team Record: 13-2.

Points Scored: 194

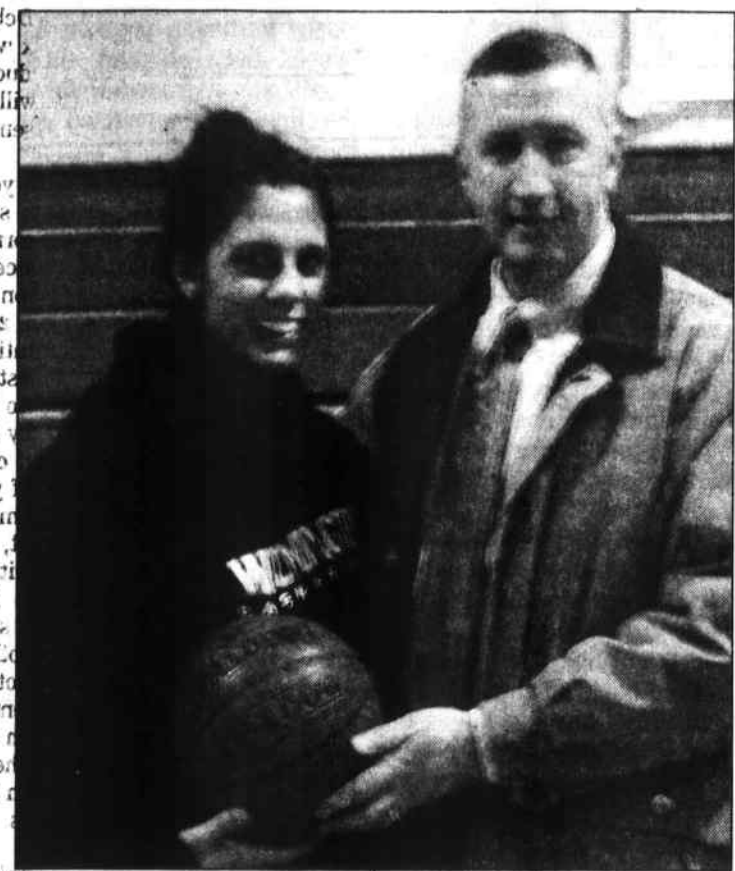
Highlights:

- Scored five points in win over Manchester-Essex including a field goal in the first half which gives her 1,000 career points becoming the first female player in the history of the program to do so.
- Scored 20 points in the team's season opening loss to Masconomet.
- Scored 24 points in the team's win over state ranked Arlington Catholic.
- Scored in double figures in 11 of the team's 15 games.

Career:

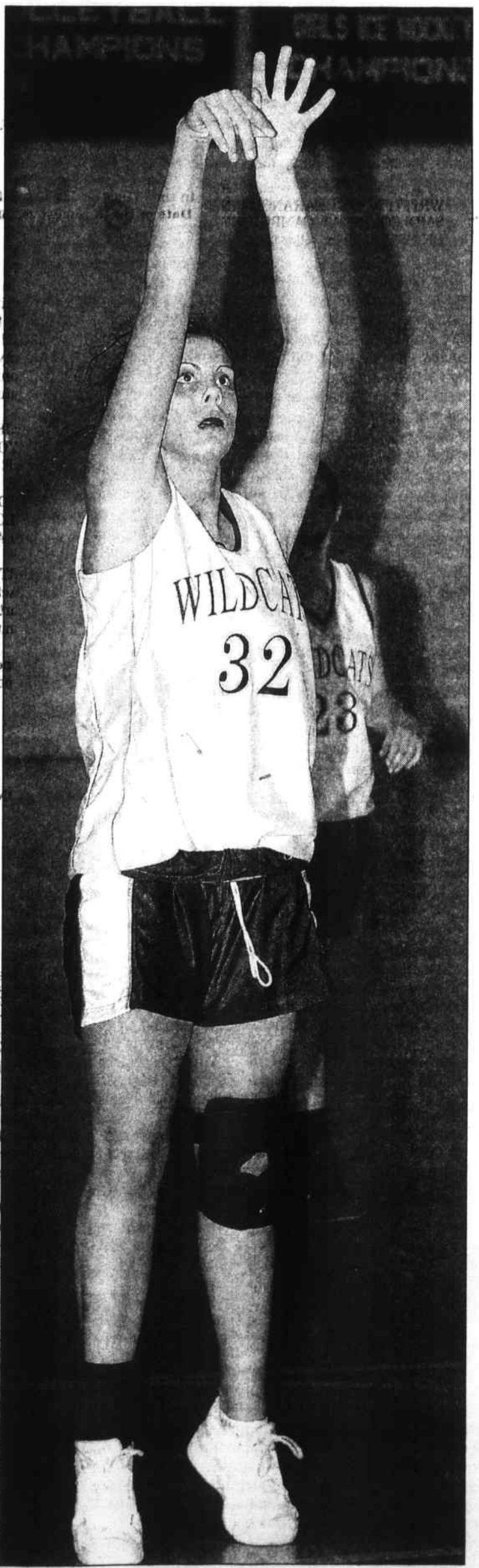
Team Record: 49-28

Points Scored: 1,017



On Friday night, Wilmington High senior Ashley Vitale scored her 1,000 career point as a member of the girls basketball team in their win at Manchester-Essex. Above, she poses with the game ball in which she scored the basket, by Wilmington head coach Jay Keane. (courtesy photo)

Below, Vitale takes a free throw attempt during last Wednesday's game against Salem at the WHS Gymnasium. (JoeBrownphotos.com).



Wilmington High senior Ashley Vitale fights through two Salem players to pull down a rebound during last Wednesday's home win over the Witches. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

Sachems top 'Cats in final minute

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

WEST NEWBURY - The winning streak finally came to an end.

On Tuesday night, the Wilmington High girls basketball team's 13-game ride came to a halt as Pentucket Regional came away with a 56-52 victory at home, putting themselves one and two games ahead of both Masconomet and Wilmington in the league standings.

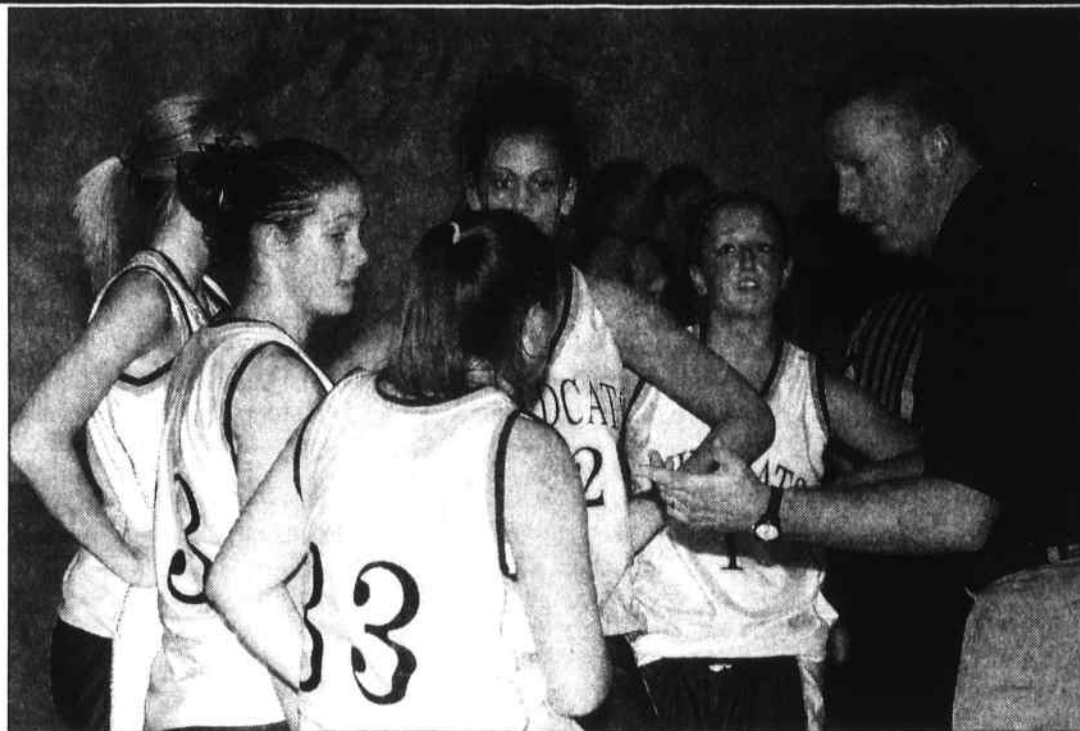
Wilmington is now 13-2 overall with the loss, which comes after beating both Salem and Manchester-Essex earlier this week.

The 'Cats were down by 14 points after a very tough first half. But trailing 30-16, the team came storming back putting on a late rally led by senior center Ashley Vitale who scored 13 of her 16 points in the second half, while, Stephanie Sauve and Brianne Bozzella also ended in double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Brittany Winchell also played well scoring four critical points off the bench, including two free throws.

Wilmington trailed 53-51 late in the game until Alyssa Brown connected on a pair of free throws to make it a one-point game. But Pentucket was able to seal the deal converting on two of their own free throws in the final 16 seconds.

"I'm proud of the girls because they came back and cut a 14-point halftime deficit to one and we just needed a break and didn't get one," said coach Jay Keane.

The 'Cats return home Friday night to face Rockport, before going back out on the road Tuesday night against Georgetown.



Wilmington High girls basketball coach Jay Keane discusses strategy with his team including from left to right, Lauren Nasiff, Alyssa Brown, Stephanie Sauve, Ashley Vitale and Brianne Bozzella during last Wednesday's win over Salem. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

'Cats scare off Witches and Hornets

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER - Overshadowed by Ashley Vitale's pursuit to 1,000 career points, the Wilmington High School girls basketball team walked all over Manchester-Essex, 58-19, in a Cape Ann League road contest held Friday night to extend the team's winning streak to 13.

Every single member of the Wildcats team scored at least two points, while the team held the Hornets to just 11 first half points and just eight second half points, including going the first 7:56 without yielding a field goal in the second half.

Vitale indeed scored her 1,000th career point when she posted-up on a double team inside the paint which gave the 'Cats a 19-9 lead with 7:38 to go in the first half. After she was recognized for her accomplishment, Wilmington outscored

Manchester-Essex 10-2 in the rest of the first half and then 15-2 to begin the second half until giving up that field goal with 9:04 to go.

Of the five starters, only Sauve finished in double figures as she had 11, while, Alyssa Brown, Bozzella, Vitale and Hitchins combined for 25. Off the bench both Lauren Nasiff and Amy Fahey had six points each, and Brittany Winchell, Jamie Burns, Katie Sullivan and Natalie Melkonian combined for 10.

"It was good to get everyone in," said head coach Jay Keane. "In games like this you want to work on some things, work on your offense and we were able to do that. Manchester came into this game winning two games in a row, and things were close at first."

Last Wednesday, Wilmington defeated Salem, 61-51, in a non-

league game played at home. The 'Cats jumped out to a 22-12 lead before the Witches closed out the half on an 11-6 run cutting the halftime deficit to five points.

Wilmington continued to have a five to seven point lead early in the second half, until Salem scored two quick baskets to make it 39-36 forcing Keane to call a timeout and settle the troops down. That seemed to work as both Bozzella and Alyssa Brown nailed consecutive jump shots and the 'Cats continued to have that five to seven point lead until ending the game on an 8-2 run to push it to double digits.

Vitale led the way with 15 points, while, Alyssa Brown and Sauve had 13 each, and Bozzella was the fourth player in double figures as she ended with 11.

A Sports Moment with Kim Silvia

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meet days, it can be more difficult getting everything done, but it is still manageable. Both athletics and academics are very important to me, and I just do what needs to be done.

What do you expect the state meet to be like?

I expect the state meets to be extremely challenging, yet fun and exciting. So many great runners are at states, and we will just have to put our best foot forward and enjoy the experience.

In the past year alone, the girls track teams have made great strides. Why is this?

Our track team has come so far in the past year because of the girls' effort and hard work. The competition is tougher, and as a result we have to work harder. Mr. Bradley is an extremely supportive coach - without him, I might not have made it through the whole cross-country season.

I also have a great amount of respect for (assistant coach) Becky (Rufo) because she is out on the track every day pushing us to become the best possible runners we can be. Practices are very demanding, but in the end, it's worth it to be part of such an amazing and fun team.

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Second half lifts boys team to win

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In the process of winning the team's 11th game in 13 tries, the Wilmington High boys basketball team is currently scrambling at the point guard position. On Tuesday night, the 'Cats didn't play their best game against a very anxious and tough rugged defensive team from Pentucket, but Wilmington came away with a 63-55 victory pushing the team's record to 11-2 overall.

However, with about seven minutes to go in the game, back-up point guard Mark Manganelli ended up in a collision where he cracked a pair of teeth and also suffered a broken nose and will be out for sometime.

The team's starting point guard, another sophomore, Craig Melillo, was out of Tuesday's game with strep throat, but head coach Jim McCune was hoping to get him back in some capacity when the team hits the road for back-to-back games on Thursday and Friday with Tewksbury and Rockport.

"We have to figure out what we're going to do," said McCune. "John Olivere can play the point (guard position) and I don't like him there but it's an alternative that we have to think about (until Melillo is completely healthy). We're going to lose a lot with Mike (Manganelli). He's a tough kid."

Wilmington jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead over the very scrappy Sachems squad before they found themselves outplayed the rest of the half. Pentucket had a three-point lead at the break, at 27-24, as Wilmington went 4:59 without a field goal which limited the offense.

"We have three games this week and plus this flu thing is going around so we're trying to be careful of what we do," said McCune. "But no matter what, you always know that Pentucket is going to give you a game."

"They are a team that you can blow out if you play your game, or if you allow them to play their game, you're in trouble. It was their game in the first half and a little bit more of our game in the second half."

"What our kids have to learn is that if the ball is not dropping in the bucket for them, they have to play other parts of the game to keep contributing and that was the problem in the first half."

But in the second half, the 'Cats started to get some very big and more importantly consistent efforts. Zach Fahey started out on fire scoring 11 of his 16 points in the first 4:04 of the second half, with two field goals coming on steals and lay-ups, another on a gorgeous up and under move, and the other coming on a field goal

(and then two free throws).

John Olivere followed suit and he scored 11 of his 19 points in the final 9:35 of the game including converting several very strong drives to the hoop.

And then with a two-point lead with 9:35 to go, senior Danny Patterson came off the bench and delivered three huge shots, all from downtown, the first two connected for threes and the second was just short of his third, but more importantly it gave Wilmington a 56-48 lead and they never looked back the rest of the way.

"If you noticed the last two or three weeks, Danny Patterson has been playing really well," said McCune. "There's no secret that he's capable of doing it and he has been doing it. He's a great shooter and I've been telling him that for two years. It's kind of like what's happened with Matt Bibeau. You overcome your nerves and you finally settle in and the game becomes easier for you."

"I think that's happening to Danny. He's settling in and he's taking the opportunities when they are there. His shots were big tonight. He scored eight points and he was the difference."

"I thought John Olivere really stepped up in the second half and took the game over," said McCune. "He was going to the basket and making things happen. John has had a very solid season. We just have to guard against the peaks and valleys when it comes to John, but to this point he's been very consistent."

Now with an 11-2 record, which included qualifying for the state tournament for the 15th time in the past 16 years on Friday night, McCune said Tuesday night the team was battled tested and won this round, although it wasn't pretty.

"We'll take the win but we have a tough road," said McCune. "Thursday's game will be a war like it always is with (Tewksbury) and then we have Rockport on Friday and even though they are not having a great season, teams go up there and funny things happen."

On Friday night, Wilmington easily walked over Manchester-Essex, 90-61 at home. Junior Matt Bibeau had a monster performance with a career-high 28 points, while grabbing 14 rebounds to lead the 'Cats to their tenth win of the season and more importantly qualify the team for the postseason for the 15th time in the past 16 years.

Besides Bibeau, Olivere had a big night as well with 23 points and 6 assists, while, Fahey and Stephen Cruz also ended in double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Future looks bright on the track

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with first place finishes in both the 600 meters in a time of 1:38.2 and in the high jump with a height of 5-10.

"Mike has been very consistent for us all season," Cripps said. "He has not been beaten by many."

Fellow senior captain John Lipiello was a close second to Golden in the 600 with a time of 1:38.4.

The Wildcats also had several second place finishes against Newburyport, led by freshman Tom Valente who grabbed the second spot in the two mile with a time of 10:55. Another very impressive performance in the two mile came from Eddie Silva, who took 34 seconds off his previous best time, finishing in 11:32.

A pair of freshmen grabbed second place finishes as well, with Caleb Rogers taking the second spot in the 1,000 meters in a time of 2:57, and Kevin Flaherty grabbing second in the one mile in a time of 5:03.

The freshman trio of Valente, Rogers and Flaherty has been consistently outstanding for the Wildcats, putting up points in

nearly every meet.

"Flaherty has three wins and three second place finishes, and Valente has three wins and three second place finishes," Cripps said. "And Rogers has been consistently winning for us. He has just been outstanding."

The Wildcats swept six events against Amesbury as they put up their highest point total of the season.

The 44-42 Hamilton-Wenham loss on Wednesday may have been the toughest of the season for the Wildcats, even considering the close losses to Ipswich and Masconomet earlier this season. The Wildcats had a chance to win the meet heading into the 4x400 relay, but they came up short.

"It came down to the relay and we were not as good as we could have been," Cripps said. "It was a tough loss, but we did well in several events like the 300 and the high jump."

In the 300 Jannone was once again the star, winning in a time of 36.1, followed by Eric Russo in second with a time of 36.2.

Other winners for the Wildcats

were Golden in the high jump, with a height of 5-6 and Nate Clarkin in the shot put with a throw of 45-2. Brad Colegrove took second in the high jump, with a jump of 5-4.

While the Wildcats lack many winners, they did grab many second and third place finishes, including the hurdles where Mike Stewart and Tyler Calway each finished in 7.2 seconds, and the two mile where Valente took second in 11:03 while Silva took third in 12:04.

In the 1,000 meters, sophomore Bobby Folk took second at 2:41.1, while Caleb Rogers took third in 2:42.1.

Flaherty took second in the mile in 5:03.8, while Golden took second in the 600 in 1:25.6 and Colegrove finished second in the 400 dash in 6.1 seconds.

"It boiled down to they had better athletes at the top, but we had more depth," Cripps said. "But that's OK. I explained to the Hamilton-Wenham coaches that we are only losing one senior. So we will be back next year."

Celtics circus is missing key ingredient: basketball

I've always loved the news. Can't get enough of it. To be more specific, I've always loved sports news. This all started when I was 10-years-old and my father, who helped to print both Boston newspapers in the mid-1960's, would come home after working all night and plunk the Globe and the old Herald-Traveler on the kitchen table with the Wonder Bread and a quart of milk. When I didn't see my Dad, I could always count on reading the likes of the late Ray Fitzgerald, Bill Liston and Larry Claflin. I was an ink-stained wretch at an age when most kids were collecting marbles and baseball cards.

Forty years later and I'm still coming home and tossing three and four newspapers on the kitchen table, driving my girlfriend nuts with the amount of local and national reading material that I accumulate on a daily basis. While a lot of people get their news and sports over the internet these days, I reject that system much the same way that I spurn the use of the cell-phone and e-mail. I write letters, holler out the window and like the look of ink on my fingertips.

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Where is this walk down memory lane leading? And just how do I possibly read three and four newspapers a day? I'll admit it. I don't. Often, I'll scan stories and look at headlines. I love headlines. I had a college professor that preached the importance of a good headline. A good headline drives the reader to continue on down through that first paragraph, or more importantly, sparks a question. It creates intrigue. Just what is going on here?

A good headline in last Wednesday morning's Boston Herald had me thinking for most of that day. "Celtics losing games, not fans-struggles not felt at the gate." Boston Celtics' beat writer Steve Bulpett was finally asking the question that needed to be asked. Why would a team that now has lost 11 in a row, nine



By: Rick Cooke

straight at home and is 4-17 at The Garden still be drawing fans in such high numbers?

I had to find out why. I had to see this phenomenon for myself. It wasn't good enough to sit and watch a home game on the tube. I decided that, being the ever-inquisitive sort, that I had to plunk down some dough and pay my dues to a team that for many years hasn't figured out how to finally emerge from the NBA dumpster.

Before I detail my research, let's crunch some scary numbers to make this story all the more harder to believe. The Celtics are 4-17 at home after Sunday night's loss to the Washington Wizards in those ugly uniforms. If the team drops its next two games, it will tie the franchise record for consecutive losses.

In 1985, the Celtics were 40-1 on the fabled parquet, 50-1 including the postseason. The 1986-87 (39-2) and 1964-65 (27-3) were highlights, while the 1996-97 campaign (11-30) is the franchise bottom mark up to this point. This team will be hard-pressed to match those 11 victories. At this moment the Boston Celtics have the worst home record in the NBA. When one considers that the team won 40, 39 and 36 home games while either winning a championship or losing in the finals between 1986-88, you would have to figure that the current results would be totally unacceptable to the typical fickle Boston sports fan.

If you thought that way, you were wrong. Dead wrong. The Celtics are averaging 16,887 fans, which ranks 17th in the league. The league average is 17,485. Enough with all this number crunching. It's making me nauseous. Having held season tickets for the back-end of the wonderful Bird-McHale Parish era, I just didn't get it.

The last time I saw a Celtics game in person was Easter Sunday-April 4, 1999, loge section 11, row 12 seat 11, against the New Jersey Nets. I latched on to a \$72.00 freebie. Why pay to see this Rick Pitino-coached mess? He had lost out on Tim Duncan, and fans were staying away in droves. You could hear the basketball bounce. The silence was deafening and the Celtics lost to the Nets. Ugh. I decided not to go back even if the ticket was on the house. What was the entertainment value in defeat? I had been spoiled. I had a hard time watching anymore, even on television.

Fast forward to last Wednesday night against the visiting Atlanta Hawks. The Herald headline had me thinking all day. I was done thinking and ready to venture back to this new building. Why not?

I had seen The Who in early December (for free again, lucky me) and they were spectacular. Maybe a basketball game wouldn't be so bad. I was hoping for a lingering Pete Townsend hangover. Well, here's the rub. I wanted sensory overload at a rock concert, not at a professional basketball game.

I plunked down my \$21.50 (no \$10.00 tickets were available) and remarkably, sat just four rows back from where my season tickets were during the glory days. Behind the Celtics' basket, I had the entire row to myself. I put my feet up on the empty seat in front of me and got a headache.

With the Hawks missing their first eight shots and the Celtics rolling to a 21-8 point lead, the game was indeed lousy, but I had my answer to the Herald headline. The Celtics are marketing marvels. They've installed enough bells and whistles to distract the 20-something-and-under crowd from the game being played in front of them. It was like watching basketball in the middle of Chuck-E-Cheese, with a little Ringling Brothers and American Idol, just in case the kids with the white and green balloons on their heads got bored.

Before moving over to a better empty seat around mid-court at halftime I decided to take a stroll and really delve into the mystery of it all. The fans were all having fun, even when it looked like the Celtics, minus Paul Pierce, Tony Allen and Wally Szczerbiak, would blow this big lead and lose again. Wow. Plenty of food at stands with catchy little nicknames. Here's a fun parlor game. Try to guess the sports snack by the stand's name. The Boston Pops, Frank House, Pile High (a toughie), Shots (here's a hint-it's not a food group), Def Zone. Sweet Spot, Links Grill (for the traditionalist out there), Fan Zone, Fry Depot (the most unhealthy) and last but not least-the gelato stand. They didn't leave much to the imagination with that one. What's another loss without a nice cup of gelato? There were probably more choices. I couldn't find the clam chowder or the sushi stands, but it was time for the second half to start, and after all, the Celtics just might win the game.

Before wading through the young crowd that was drinking beer and chatting on their cell phones and bumping into the tourists snapping photos in the lobby, I spotted a young salesman hawking Celtics ticket packages. The packages all have catchy names too. Why are all these people so happy? Content to make funny faces for the "Eye in the Sky" roving camera and getting live shots on the new "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" scoreboard. The young man had a solid response after I finished telling him all about "when men were men" and fans actually watched the game. "We've got to give the fans something more than just the game," he said. It's the nature of the business now all around the NBA. Enjoy the second half, sir." When I walked away I could just picture him turning

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thurs	Feb 1	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Wilmington	6/7:30 PM
Thurs	Feb 1	Gymnastics	at Chelmsford	7:00 PM
Fri	Feb 2	JV Gymnastics	at Dracut	6:00 PM
Fri	Feb 2	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Lawrence	6/7:30 PM
Sat	Feb 3	Wrestling	Arlington/Woburn - TBA	9:00 AM
Sat	Feb 3	B/G Track	State Coaches Inv-RLC	9:30 AM
Sat	Feb 3	V Boys Hockey	at Methuen	6:00 PM
Sun	Feb 4	B/G Track	State Coaches Elite	9:30 AM
Mon	Feb 5	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Triton	6/7:30 PM
Tues	Feb 6	JV/V Boys Hoop	at Methuen	6/7:30 PM
Wed	Feb 7	Wrestling	at Lawrence	7:00 PM
Wed	Feb 7	V Boys Hockey	vs Lincoln-Sudbury	7:00 PM
Thurs	Feb 8	B/G Track	Fr/Soph MVC Meet	4:30 PM
Thurs	Feb 8	Gymnastics	at Andover	7:00 PM

Wilmington High Sports				
Thurs	Feb 1	JV/V Boys Hoop	at Tewksbury	6/7:30 PM
Fri	Feb 2	JV/V Boys Hoop	at Rockport	5/6:30 PM
Fri	Feb 2	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Rockport	5:30/7PM
Sat	Feb 3	B/G Track	State Coaches Inv.	9:30 AM
Sat	Feb 3	Wrestling	CAL Meet - NA	10:00 AM
Sat	Feb 3	V Boys Hockey	at N. Andover	1:00 PM
Tues	Feb 6	B/G Track	CAL Meet - RLC	5:00 PM
Tues	Feb 6	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Georgetown	5/6:30 PM
Tues	Feb 6	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Georgetown	5:30/7PM
Wed	Feb 7	Wrestling	vs Haverhill	6:30 PM
Wed	Feb 7	V Boys Hockey	vs Triton	7:20 PM
Wed	Feb 7	V Girls Hockey	at Everett	8:00 PM

Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thurs	Feb 1	V Hockey	vs Rockport	8:00 PM
Fri	Feb 2	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Lynn Tech	3:15/4:45 PM
Fri	Feb 2	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Lynn Tech	5:30/7PM
Sat	Feb 3	Wrestling	at CAC Meet	11:30 AM
Tues	Feb 6	JV/V Boys Hoop	at North Shore	3:15/4:45 PM
Tues	Feb 6	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs North Shore	3:15/4:45 PM
Wed	Feb 7	Wrestling	vs Billerica	7:00 PM
Thurs	Feb 8	V Boys Hockey	vs Hamilton-Wenham	8:00 PM

to his partner and saying: "What an old curmudgeon. He doesn't fit our demographic anyway."

Fortunately, I got back to my seat just in time. I wouldn't want to miss the t-shirt toss out of a toy cannon, the crazy bat race, the fan makeover, the text message for a seat upgrade, the Celtic Lottery Ticket giveaway and the Best Celtic Dancer fan poll. I might have missed something, but I would have needed to put my head on a swivel to keep up.

Before anyone labels me as Mr. Negative, I've made a decision. Keep Lucky the Leprechaun and the new Celtic Dancers. Every NBA team has a mascot and an updated version of cheerleaders. But, don't you dare call this dance team cheerleaders. They can dance and they can distract the crowd. The Celtics' marketing department has learned something from the original Laker Girls.

And I heard that last week some guy won a million dollars in the lottery giveaway, so that was nice. Oh, before I forget, you can keep that half-time make-a-shot thing run by a casino. It gives that place some nice publicity, and I like watching some person who has never shot a basketball in his life look goofy in front of 16,000 people.

Which brings me to the most amazing revelation of the night. The Herald headline was right on the money. The

announced attendance at this terrible game, which the Celtics would go on to lose, 82-76 was 16,199. The Globe jumped right into the middle of my research the very next day when columnist Dan Shaughnessy asked: "Just who are the loyal 16,199 who went to the Celtic's game against the Hawks Wednesday night? And why?" You got me, Dan. I paid to get in, and I'm still trying to figure out why I went. Oh, yeah, I had a column to write. Now I remember.

As the game wound down, and the Celtics blew an 18 point lead, I hung in there. I would drive my late father nuts, never leaving any game until the final horn, buzzer or inning, no matter how hopeless the score. I was paying attention, hoping that the team would break this streak that has them headed directly to the NBA Draft Lottery. The home team had finally fallen behind the woeful Hawks, and a kid seated in front of me leaned over and screamed at the roving cameraman: "Take my picture, and I'll be your friend forever. Yaaaaah!"

I didn't get up. I just reminded him gently that there was a game going on. And the Celtics were losing. Again. The young man turned and looked at me like I had just tripped his grandmother and sent her head first down the first balcony stairs. Now, that would be a distraction. That cemented another personal

opinion on this event's marketing makeup. Ditch the "Eye in the Sky" thing. It could save some grandmother's (or her grandson's) life.

The final buzzer sounded. Another loss. I didn't make history. I just watched a lousy basketball game while trying not to be distracted. I walked slowly out of the building and into the cold night and hoped for the best. Rats. My regular sausage guy was gone. Another postgame ritual bites the dust. I made it across the street just as the pizza place manager was holding the door closed so I couldn't even get a slice for the road. He seemed to be saying: "Go have beer with the 20-somethings who don't watch basketball."

I don't drink, but I still looked on the bright side. The guy who plays the garbage cans was in full concert as I exited the building. I've had good seats when he plays in Downtown Crossing. Just as loud and just as annoying. But, a highlight nonetheless.

And, I had my Celtics' Souvenir Cup. It's green and says: "Pure Basketball" right on the front. I'll look at it when I feel the need to remind myself of what used to be, and what I hope someday will be played in these parts again. If the fans are kept happily distracted long enough, who knows? A basketball game just might break out. And victories are sure to follow.

Grossman, not Peyton, will lead his team to a Super Bowl win

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA
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It sure comes up fast. It seems like only yesterday the NFL season was starting. And what a season it was. The Saints were the feel-good story of the year. The Eagles, led by a resurgent Jeff Garcia, made a late push into the second round of the playoffs. (Playoffs? You kiddin' me?) And the Patriots came up ... short. But I don't want to talk about that.

What matters now is the Super Bowl. The grand poobah of all games. And the 41st

installment of America's game features the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears.

Not many experts are picking the Bears to win. Now I'm no expert, but I'm going to take a bold stance here. Two stances actually.

First, the national anthem, sung by Billy Joel, will be better than the halftime show, performed by Prince.

And second, the Bears will win the Super Bowl.

No one thinks the Bears can win because of their much-maligned signal caller, Rex Grossman. But Grossman has

some overlooked stats that are worth mentioning.

He had just as many games with a passer rating over 100 as Peyton Manning. And coming off the bye week in the middle of the season, Rex had a great game against San Francisco, going 23-29, with three scoring strikes and no interceptions. With the extra week to prepare for the Colts, Rex should at least be able to have a respectable game. All he needs to do for the Bears to win is to limit the turnovers to one. He cannot give up more than that. Chicago has proven that they

can win nearly every game without stellar play from the quarterback position.

On the other side of the ball, you've probably heard of Brian Urlacher. He is the perfect middle linebacker for the Bears' stifling cover two defense. Urlacher has tremendous speed, so he can cover the deep zone and take away the seam Manning loves to exploit. Also, he is physical enough to stop the run and the duke and dunk passes Manning also likes throwing.

The Colts looked really bad against the Pats in one area in

particular. Special teams. Obviously Adam Vinatieri has nothing to do with that. But Ellis Hobbs of the Patriots ran all over the Colts' coverage on kickoffs. If Hobbs can do that, Chicago rookie sensation Devin Hester could very well take one all the way for the score.

Another game within in a game worth watching is Indy's ability to run and stop the run. For whatever reason, the Colts have become a power-running and run stifling team in the postseason. How much is smoke and mirrors? We don't know for sure. But The Bears

have two good running backs in Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson. The Colts have stopped everyone so far. The mirage ends here.

The Bears will be more physical in this game and expose the Colts for what they really are. Soft.

And as for the MVP, wideout Bernard Berrian will continue the trend of recent receiver big games in the Big Game.

The Bears will win Super Bowl XLI by a score of 32-27. Mark my words.

Wisconsin barely gets by Michigan in a thriller

Big 10 - Boys Grades 3

Wisconsin 12, Michigan 9
Leading the way for Wisconsin was Scott Newton with 8 points while Alexander Frye and Louis Larfarello each added 2 points.

Playing exceptioinsally well for Wisconsin was Colin Scanlong and Evan Sperlinga. Leading the way for Michigan was Sean Walsh who had a team high of 6 points. Gregory Sullivan also had 3 points while Daniel Tetrault and Joshua Genthner played very well on the defensive end and almost changed the final score of this game.

Penn State 19, Indiana 9

Doing damage for Penn State was Justin Kannally who had a season high and a Big 10 season high with 10 points and Brendan O'Flaherty with 8 points. Ryan Donnell and Sean Lowney did their best to preserve the victory. Jonathan Perella led the way for Indiana with 4 points while Craig Venezia had 2 points and David Krueger had the other point. Kevin LaLiberte and Michael Ploof were beats on the boards.

Ohio State 20, Purdue 9

Doing the damage for the Buckeyes was Matthew Spurr with 8 points while Fox Maxwell added 4. Eamon Kilbride and Steven Godfrey played very well for Ohio State. Almost single handily taking on Ohio State was Purdue's Ryan Fischer with 6 points. Billy Falter had the other 3 points. Daniel Smalley and Mark Jeannette did all they could possibly do to make sure Purdue could stay in the game.

Big East - Boys Grades 4 & 5
St. John's 22, Pittsburgh 15
Andrew Sutton and Gino Lena were unstoppable as they led St. John's to victory with 10 and 8 points respectively. Zachary Toto and Liam Bennett rounded out the scoring with a basket each. Brian Corrigan and Peter Amato had great games on both ends of the floor for St. John's.

Leading the attack for Pittsburgh was Jonathan Mills with 7 points. Andrew Bezjian threw in 4 more, while Jimmy Gautreau and Connor Bennett each had 2. Adam Gilman and Jonathan Roberts made many key plays for Pittsburgh.

Marquette 22, Cincinnati 17
Matt Daley led the attack for Marquette with 12 points. Thomas Gorman was next in line with 4, while Michael Marcinkowski and John Pasquariello completed the scoring with a deuce apiece.

The duo of Thomas Simmons and Matt Penney led the way for Cincinnati with 8 and 6 points respectively. Michael Shedd threw in 2 more, while William Simmons chipped in the final point. Alex Guarino, Jacob Dalke, Matt Donnell, and Robert Brabant all showed great hustle on both ends of the floor.

W. Virginia 28, Louisville 7
West Virginia was too hot to handle as their offense could not be stopped. Kyle Souza led all scorers with 14 points. Lucas Garrity was next in line with 6 of his own. James Hill,

Russell Brady, Luke Foley, and Peter Daley all chipped in with a deuce. Louisville was led by Ryan Kinsella with 3 points and Ryan Adams and Austin Ferreira with 2 points apiece. Ryan Flood, Jared Lloyd and Andrew Murray played great defense for their teams.

UConn 33, DePaul 28

The Huskies walked away with a well deserved victory this week as they beat DePaul 33-28. Mark DeRosa led the way with 13 points. William McNamera was next in line with 6 of his own, while Ron John Judkins, Brian Moran, and Michael Dovidio chipped in 4 points apiece.

Patrick Keough rounded out the scoring with a basket of his own. Alex Neville, like DeRosa, led DePaul with 13 points. Dylan Masiello threw in 9 more, while Justin LaRosa had another 4. Rounding out the scoring was Devin Field with 2 points of his own.

Rutgers 26, Georgetown 20

In another closely fought battle, Rutgers held on to a 6-point lead to walk away with a victory over Georgetown. Ryan Colangelo led the way with 8 points, while James O'Regan and Scott Manganello each had 6. Steven McInnis threw in another 4, while Luke McInnis had the final basket.

Ryan Walsh led the way for Georgetown with 12 points. John Reynolds chipped in 6 points of his own, while Matt Figucia threw in the final basket.

Providence 14, Notre Dame 9
Matt Benoit led the way for Providence with 6 points. Joseph Hydorn, Brian Neal, Colin Kennedy, and Nicholas Silva all threw in a basket in the victory. Ryan Horgan led the attack for the Irish with 4 points. George Hooper and Shawn Reardon each had a basket, while Chris Pennie threw in the final point. Bradley Priem, Kyle Maga, Michael Palazzo, and Patrick McFall all had great games for their teams.

Villanova 17, Syracuse 10

Villanova's Evan Raffi was the game's leading scorer with 6 points as Villanova walked away with a 7 point victory. Alex Menzel was next in line with 4, while Mark Price threw in another 3. Eli Jennings and Andrew Lesperance rounded out the scoring with 2 points each.

Tyler Peters led the way for the Orange with 4 points. Michael Pelosi, Kevin Goncalves, and Kurtis O'Byrne all chipped in the offense with a basket apiece. Brendan McCarthy, Jonathan Mack, Justin Wright, and Kevin Burke all showed great hustle and determination on both ends of the court.

Conference USA

Boys Grades 6 & 7

Towson 47, Delaware 29

Towson was lead by a two headed monster who almost outscored Delaware by themselves. Philip Lentini led the way with a game high of 16 points and Brenton Bockus poured in 11. Mark Connolly and Tony Haddad played their

best basketball of the season. Doing whatever he could to keep Delaware in the game was John Parsons with a team high of 15 points.

EJ Boggia and Steven Taylor also contributed on the offensive end with 5 and 4 points respectively.

Memphis 21, UTEP 12

If you were able to play for Memphis on Saturday, it would have been a safe bet that you would have scored. All 7 players that showed up had at least a basket.

Leading these 7 in scoring was Zack Reed who happened to have 7 points. Eric Hachey and Stan Dancewicz played superb for Memphis. UTEP had a nice little two man team of their own as all 12 points were scored by two players who each had 6 points.

Shamus Gibbons and Trevor Foley were the culprits in this case. Peter Warren and Ben DiSanto did their best to help UTEP win.

Marshall 27, Drexel 20

Having a huge game for Marshall was Brian Priem with a team high of 13 points. Also helping out Brian was Christopher Crupi with 8 points. Tim Hunt and Anthony Bellino played awesome down the stretch to seal a tough victory.

Putting in his A game for Drexel was Marcus Cole with a team and game high 16 points. Travis Valente and Jeffrey Favuzza both were able to help minimize Marshall's attack.

Tulane 39, Southern Miss 26

A pair of double-digit scorers, both of whom scored 10 points, led Tulane to a victory over Southern Miss. In this case, those two players were Thomas Broman and Dylan Champney. Daniel D'Arcangelo also added 6 points.

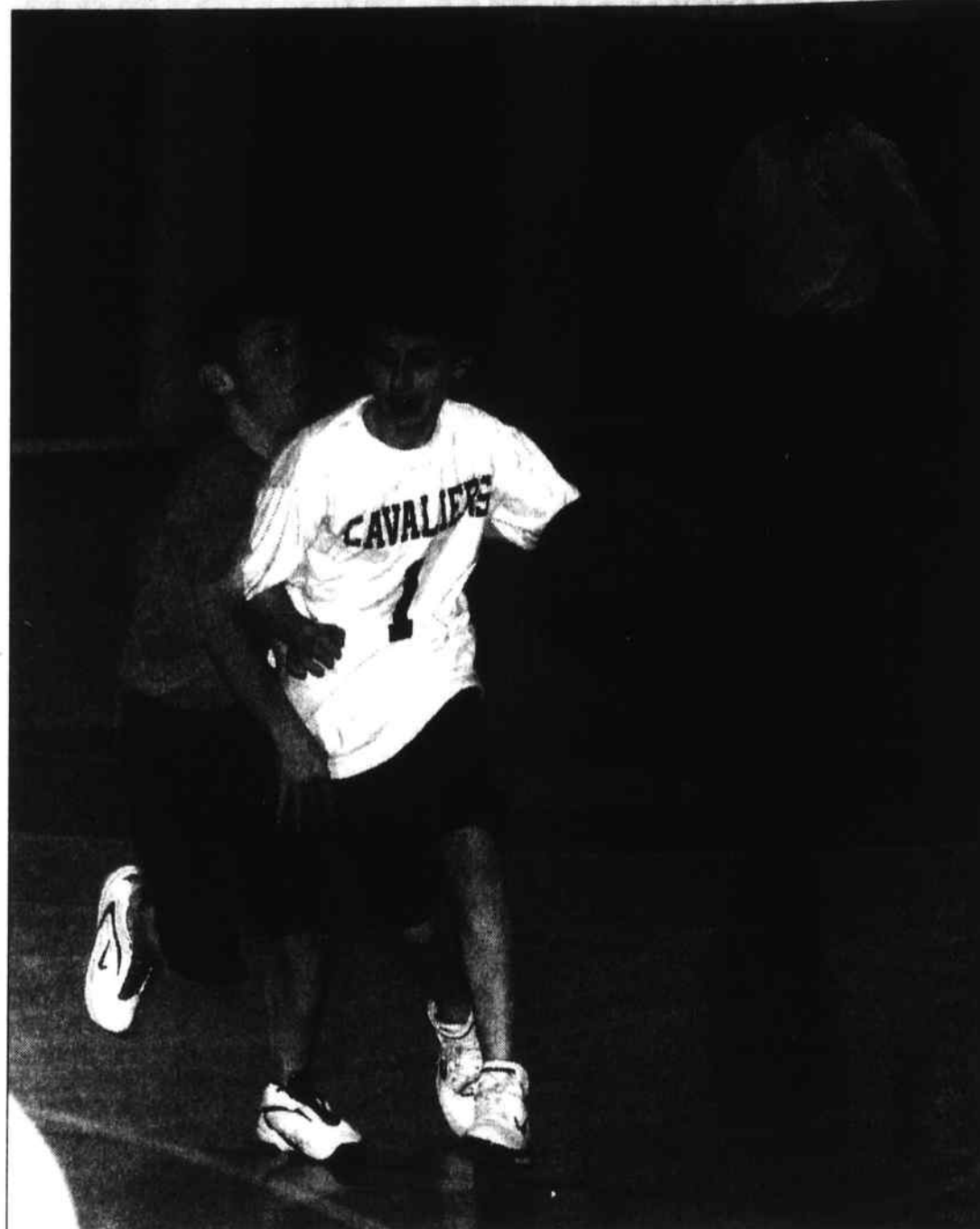
For Southern Miss, Stephen Petinge once again had a team high with 10 points while Colin McGuire added 7 points. Robert Sutura and Ryan Natale played exceptioinsally well on the offensive and defensive glass.

Rice 54, SMU 36

Rice was led by Tyler Vibert who had a season high with 22 points while Sam Borseti and Bryan Feindel both poured in 8 points. Ryan Holloran and Conor Burke were monsters on the offensive boards keeping SMU's hands off of the ball as much as they could.

To lead the way for SMU was Patrick Barry and Justin MacKinnon who added 9 and 7 points respectively. Playing very well recently has been Thomas Rossetti and Nicholas Whalen.

Central Florida 39, Tulsa 31
Leading the way for Central Florida was Thomas Letellier with a team high 13 points. Also helping out Thomas was Andrew Medeiros and William MacKinnon who added 7 and 5 points. Tyler Canning and Blake Walker played exceptioinsally well down the stretch for Central Florida. Doing damage for Tulsa was Wayne Knoops with 12 and Daniel Hope with 10 points. Both Anderson kids (Joseph and Steven) were monster through-



Kevin Mitchell of the Knicks (orange) played tight defense Pat Enwright of the Cavaliers while referee Ken Regan looks on during this past weekend's Wilmington Recreational Basketball League contest. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux -www.printroom.com/pro/shootingstars)

out the whole game.

Houston 39, E. Carolina 37

Doing damage for Houston once again was the two-headed monster of Jimmy Welch and Christopher Palmerino. Jimmy scored a game high 18 while Christopher added 14 points. Both Sean's played very well for Houston. Berube was huge on the offensive end by distributing the ball and Caruso on the defensive end with a lot of key rebounds.

Leading the way for East Carolina was Nicholas Luise with 16 and Mark Wadland with 8 points. Dan Luise and Brandon Wong played very well and almost pulled out a victory at the last second.

NBA - Boys Grades 8-10

Nuggets 24, Knicks 17
The Nuggets managed to hold off the Knicks and walk away with a 7 point victory. Nick Godzyk and Derek Queen continue to lead the way for the Nuggets. They combined for 20 points in their teams victory, each scoring 10.

Adam Paquette and Ryan Pennie threw in a basket apiece to round out the scoring. Jacob Briere led the offense for the Knicks with 11 points. Joe Warren was next in line with 5 points, while Mike Smith threw in the final point.

Heat 51, Grizzlies 50

In a closely fought battle, the Heat proved they were still the team to beat. The duo of Marty Bamberg and Mike Gracia led the attack with 16 and 13 points respectively. Billy Reynolds was next in lined with 12 points of his own. Adam Kline and Aaron Misiph threw in an additional 4 points each, while Ryan Kennedy threw in the final basket.

The Grizzlies played a great game until the final buzzer as they were led by Ian Sullivan with 21 points. Nolan Giroux threw in three treys as he finished the day with a solid 19 points. Jesse Bozzella threw in 4 more, while Michael Amentola and Joseph Fitzgerald combined for the final points, scoring 3 and 2 points respectively.

Wizards 42, Nets 40

The Wizards managed to outlast the Nets in this week's game as they walked away with a 2 point victory. Tyler Whalen led the attack for the Wizards with 19 points. Dennis Gingras threw in another 5, while John Braido had another 4. Andrew McGrath chipped in 3 more and William McGrath and Derek Duggan rounded out the scoring with a basket each. David Mello knocked down two three en route to his 11 point performance for the Nets.

Dylan Sullivan was next in line with 7, while Brad Jackson and Mike Kelly each had 6. Johnny Weber and Tim

Barrard each had 4 points, while Stephen Doucette had the final deuce.

Cavaliers 49, Bulls 48

In another closely fought battle, the Cavs managed to hold off the Bulls by a point. Pat Enwright led his team with 18 points. Mike Wilkinson was next in line with 9, while Robert Cameron had 8 more. Sean Hanley and Brandon Fullerton chipped in 7 more apiece to round out the scoring for the Cavs.

The Bulls were led by Timothy Korajczyk, who finished with 21 points. Matt McKenna was next in line with 9, while Zach Copp threw in 6 more. Sean Keane and Jonathan Davidson threw in 4 apiece and Ryan Malone and Mike Scola each had a basket on the day.

Lakers 43, Hornets 30

The Lakers held off the Hornets as they walked away with a convincing 13-point victory. Leading the attack for the Lakers were Joe Rastellini and Derek O'Dea with 14 points each. Chris DiCecca threw in an addition 5 points, while Tyler Valente and Mark Scullari each chipped in 4 points of their own. Andrew Wells rounded out the scoring with a basket.

The Hornets never let down as Omair Shaikh led the offense with 14 points. Brian Hallas and Cameron Shepard completed the scoring as they each chipped in 8 points.

Atlantic 10

Girls Grades 3 & 4

Xavier 12, Rhode Island 11
In a close game that went down to the wire Xavier came away with the win. Leading the scoring for Xavier was Jessica Hogan with 10 points and Katelyn Fisher added 2 points. Xavier was led on defense by Shana Butler. Rhode Island was led in scoring by Caroline Albanese with 7 points, Emma Gaudreau 3, and Laura Mulligan added 2 points.

Temple 19,

George Washington 12
Temple upsets George Washington. Leading the scoring for Temple was Hannah Griffin with 4 points, Savannah Sullivan 4, Brianna Tavares 4, Francesca Barone 2, Mihalea McLaughlin 3, and Jessica Buske added 2 points. G.W. was led in scoring by Victoria Schultes 4 points, Madison Young 4, Hannah Brown 2, and Lauren DePasquale added 2 points. Krista Tedesco led G.W. in rebounding.

St. Joe's 21, LaSalle 9

Leading the scoring for St. Joe's was Carolyn Newhouse with 6 points, Courtney Murphy 5, Bridget Cadogan 4, Danielle Gianatassio 2, Rachel

Cummings 2, mad Isabella Cigna added 2 points. LaSalle was led in scoring by Kendra Scott with 6 points and Victoria McDermott added 3 points. Ashley Warren led LaSalle's defense.

Dayton 31, Richmond 28
In a high scoring game that went back and forth Dayton escaped with a close win. Dayton was led in scoring by Amber Peach with 21 points, Makayla Donahue 4, Lauren Borseti 4, Julia Gake added 2 points. Richmond was led in scoring by Michaela Ouellette 14 points, Brittany Abbott 10, and Siobhan Scanlon added 4 points. Olivia Hill led Richmond in rebounding.

Duquesne 28, St. Louis 4
Duquesne ran away and never looked back, in a big win over St. Louis. Leading the scoring for Duquesne was Michelle Murray with 10 points, Kourtney Bolis 8, Dana Rossetti 6, Casey McFall 2, Tierney McCue added 2 points. St. Louis was led in scoring by Kristen Lewis with 2 points and Caroline Johnston added 2 points. Michelle Doucette led St. Louis in rebounding.

Charlotte 16, Fordham 6
With great coaching and team hustle Charlotte upset Fordham. Leading the scoring for Charlotte was Rachael Cormier with 14 points, Carlee Sutura added 2 points. Emily Loud led Charlotte with great defense and hustle.

Fordham was led in scoring by Teresa Gracia 2 points, Melissa Furlong 2, and Nicole McInryne added 2 points. Jessica Backman led Fordham in rebounding.

Atlantic Coast

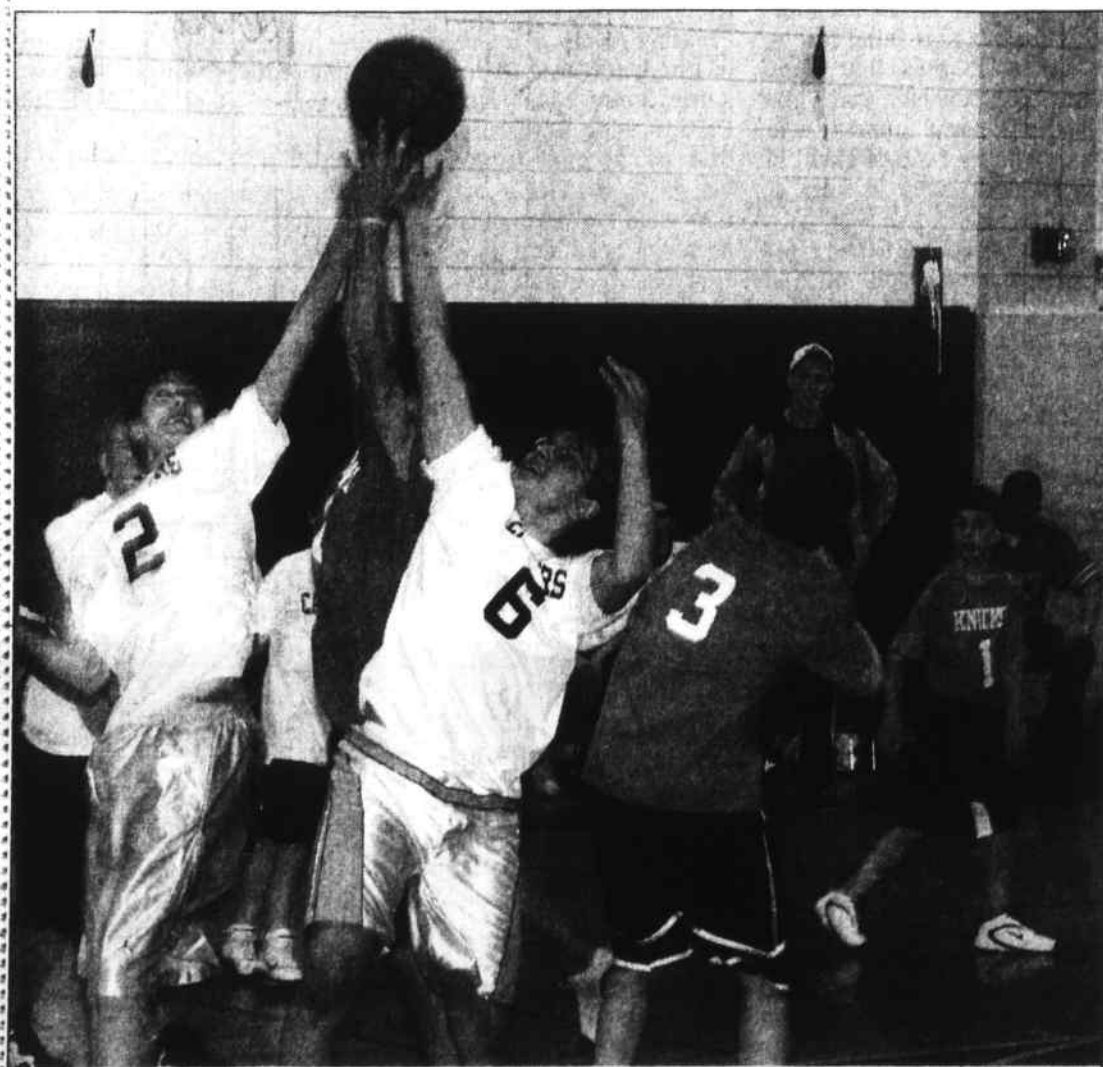
Girls Grades 5&6

Clemson 28, Miami 8
Clemson played great on both ends of the floor and was led by Sara Cokash with 10 points, Casey Murray had 8 points and Kim Donoghue scored 6 points. Laura Magee played hard on defense. Miami's main scorer was Nicole Potcner with 4 points, Kelsey Mangan scored 4 points and Elizabeth Hill played excellent defense.

Wake Forest 33, Maryland 23
Wake Forest's offensive attack was explosive and was led by Presley Silva with 8 points, Emily Bamberg scored 6 points and Alexandra Gemellaro had 6 points. Stephanie Canty played tough defense for Wake. Maryland's leading scorer was Janelle Celeste with 10 points, Ashley DeFuria scored 7 points and Shannon Mouton added 2

North Carolina 22
Virginia came out with the 4

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Robert Cameron, left, and Matt Hogan, right, worked together to take the rebound from the Knicks during Saturday's youth basketball game.

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Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

Rams hockey team picks up a couple of wins

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech hockey team had a very successful week of play, going 2-0-1 in their three games and picking up a pair of Commonwealth Athletic Conference wins that put them back into contention for league title with an 8-2-3 overall record and 7-1-1 in the CAC.

Despite their success, the week ended on a rather disappointing note with a 5-5 non-league tie with Pentucket on Saturday night. Disappointing because the Rams fought back from a 4-1 deficit late in the second period to take a 5-4 lead early in the third period, only for Pentucket come back to tie with 1.2 seconds left in the game.

"It doesn't feel like a very good tie when they score with 1.2 seconds left," Shawsheen coach Bob Hodnett said. "I was happy with the fact that we showed the comeback ability that we did, but on the flip side I do not think we should have been in that situation."

The Rams trailed 4-1 late in the second period when Shaun Suprey scored to pull them within two goals and give them some momentum heading into the third period. Suprey was assisted by Troy Daniels and Wilmington resident Dana Steenbruggen, who had scored the Rams first goal of the game and would have two in the game.

Suprey's goal gave the Rams the momentum they needed as they reeled off three quick tallies in the third period to take the lead. Ryan Arsenbach (0:12), Steenbruggen (1:53) and Daniels (4:32) gave the Rams the lead, and they seemed poised to pull out a big victory over their non-league rivals until Pentucket's Bob DiCorso tipped in the puck with just over a second left in the game.

"It felt more like a loss, really," Baker said. "As I said, I was happy with the way we played in the third period, but knowing the talent we have and having seen that talent it is disappointing to see us not play well for nearly two periods."

It is a theme that Baker has discussed several times this season, where the Rams have yet to put together a full 45 minute effort, despite their impressive record. Making it all the more frustrating, as Baker said, is seeing how well his team can play in spurts.

"I don't understand how they can just turn it on like that," Baker said. "As a player I did not do that, but it takes us a while to get started. I don't know if they looked at Pentucket's record, which is not very good, so they assumed it would be easy. Pentucket plays a much tougher schedule than us and that is why I schedule teams like this."

The Rams previous two games had not been nearly as difficult as they rolled to wins over CAC rivals Lynn Tech (8-1 on Wednesday) and Minuteman (10-2 on Thursday). Against Minuteman, Steenbruggen had his first two goal, three point output of the week, including the tally that gave the Rams a 2-2 advantage in the second period after trailing 2-1 at the end of one period.

"Dan is a kid that at the beginning of the year we did not know exactly where he would fit in, but we have him on a line with Suprey and Daniels and he has done very well," Baker said.

And speaking of Suprey, he had quite the game for himself against Minuteman with a six point night, which included three goals and three assists. Overall the line of Daniels, Suprey and Steenbruggen accounted for 25 points over the past week.

"That line is really producing so now if we can get our top line producing as well we will put

up some big numbers," Baker said. "Granted, they may not have been playing the best competition, but they are clicking real well."

Wrestling

The Shawsheen wrestling team had an impressive showing on Saturday afternoon at the Methuen Invitational at Methuen High School. The Rams finished in fourth place in the team standings, among 17 teams who competed in the tournament, and also had an individual champion, Ryan Ahern of Tewksbury at 103 pounds.

The Rams finished with 149.5 points, trailing only host Methuen (214), Salem, N.H. (191.5) and Tewksbury (165.5).

Ahern is normally a backup at 103 pounds, but he has been wrestling very well as of late and made the most of his opportunity in this tournament, beating the number two seeded wrestler from Cranston, Rhode Island in the finals.

Other top place finishers for the Rams were Keith Wiitala (125) and Dan Pynn (189) in third, Derek Sorenson (119) and Calvin McMillan (145) in fourth, Wilmington resident Matt Compenschi (140) and Ryan McLaughlin (130) in fifth and Wilmington's Andrew Compenschi (160) and Dan Ronan (215) in sixth.

Girls Basketball

It was not the best of weeks for the Shawsheen girls basketball team as they dropped a pair of home games to CAC rivals. After dropping a tough 58-52 decision to Minuteman last Friday night, in which they saw a six point lead evaporate in the final seven minutes, they suffered their worst defeat of the season on Tuesday night when they fell to Tyngsboro by a score of 39-12.

In the Tyngsboro game, the Lady Rams shot 5-for-49 from the field, including 2-for-28 in the second half. The last time Shawsheen had faced Tyngsboro they had also struggled offensively, as they dropped 31-23 decision, and on Tuesday night without the services of point guard Samantha St. George who missed the game due to illness, they simply could not solve the Tyngsboro defense.

"Tyngsboro plays man-to-man defense and my girls do not do well with that," Shawsheen coach Dick Barris said. "Samantha was sick which did not help, but that is not the excuse. The excuse is that we shot 5-for-49. We basically made one of every ten shots we took."

Barris says his team has been done in by man to man defense as well as good pressing teams several times this season.

"Against Lynn Tech we had the same problem where we could not beat their press," Barris said. "It was the same thing against Greater Lawrence. The first time we played them we beat the press and we were in the game, the second time we could not best it and we got blown out."

While Barris knew his team would be in for a tough game, he certainly did not envision it being as tough a night as it was.

"I had said before the game that if we played well we could win, but if we don't we could lose by 30," Barris said. "So I was not entirely surprised, but I did not expect what happened."

On Friday night the Lady Rams played a much more competitive game against Minuteman, but unfortunately the results were the same, as they suffered a 58-52 loss. Shawsheen trailed by seven points at the half (29-22), but fought back to take a six point lead midway through the second half only to see it disappear in a very disappointing loss.

"We were up by six and then we had three or four bad turnovers in a row," Barris said. "Finally they come back to take the lead at 51-50 and then we miss our shot and they come back down and nail a three pointer to go up by four. At that point we miss again and then they hit their free throws."

While the Lady Rams clearly struggled on offense against Tyngsboro, they got several outstanding performances against Minuteman, with the most impressive coming from St. George, who had 20 points while dishing out seven assists. Selina Houghton added 16 points, while Melanie Strazzere had nine.

With the two losses, Shawsheen saw their record fall to 7-6 overall and 5-6 in the CAC. And with a match-up against powerhouse Lynn Tech looming on Friday, they could very well be 7-7 heading into their final three games of the season and needing to win at least two of three to qualify for the tournament.

"They are winnable games, but we obviously have to play much better," Barris said. "I need to do a better job coaching this team. The team is not bad. I just did not do a good enough

job preparing them."

Boys Basketball

Like the girls, it was not the best of weeks for the Shawsheen boys basketball team, as they suffered a pair of losses, including a heartbreaking 47-46 road loss to Tyngsboro on Tuesday night. Prior to that, the Rams had dropped a 78-52 road game to Minuteman on Friday night.

With the two losses, both of which came against CAC Upper Division schools, the Rams saw their record drop to 9-5 overall, while they remained undefeated in the CAC Lower with a record of 5-0.

The Tyngsboro loss was especially painful, as not only did it come against their arch rival, but it came in devastating fashion. With the game tied at 44-44, junior guard Joe Killion of Tewksbury nailed a shirt jumper to give the Rams a 46-44 lead with about 30 seconds left in the game. Tyngsboro came right back, however, and Tiger star Chris Halloran drilled a three pointer with 10 seconds left to put his team up 47-46.

The Rams had on final chance, but after calling a timeout to set up a play they were unable to get a shot off

before the buzzer sounded.

"It was a tough loss," Shawsheen coach Bob Hodnett said. "It ranks right up there with our loss to Matignon in the closing seconds and our overtime loss to Chelsea."

The Rams had played very well in the second half in order to be in position to pull off the win, but ultimately their poor start to the game may have doomed them. They trailed 20-15 at halftime.

"We started off a little slow," Hodnett said. "We struggled shooting the ball in the first half and we even had a tough time getting shots off. They played some great defense on us."

Wilmington's Joe Gore led the way offensively for the Rams with 12 points, while Tewksbury's Tom Joyce poured in 11, and Tewksbury's Matt Bruno added eight. Killion's big basket in the closing seconds accounted for two of his six points on the game.

In Friday's loss to Minuteman, the Rams actually played pretty well before finally succumbing to one of the best teams in the state. The 78-52 final was not indicative of how tough the Rams played for most of the game.

"We hung with them for three quarters of the game, but in the final seven or eight minutes we just ran out of gas," Hodnett said. "They killed us on the boards and then they started to fastbreak and we just could not stop it."

Joyce led the Rams with 13 points while Gore and Tyler McCarthy each followed with 12 points in the loss. Gore also grabbed seven rebounds. Bruno had six points and 10 rebounds.

Despite their undefeated record in the CAC Lower, Hodnett says there is still plenty of work to be done before the Redmen can start thinking about a league title and that work will begin next Tuesday night against Lower Division rival North Shore, and will continue the following week with a rematch against defending league champ Northeast, whom the Rams defeated earlier this season.

"We have to win at least one more and probably two more games," Hodnett said. "We have to beat Northeast, and I think we have to beat North Shore as well. Northeast only has one league loss so we know we have to beat them."

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Vassallo starts off strong

BRUNSWICK, Maine - Roy Wilson won the 55-meter dash, Dan Vassallo, of Wilmington, took the 3,000-meter run and Brent Aigler was a 600-meter run for the Colby College men's indoor track and field team at the season-opening meet at Bowdoin College.

Wilson sprinted to a time of 0.76 in winning the 55 dash, while Vassallo won a tight race in the 3,000 with a clocking of 8:34. held off the Southern Maine duo of Curtis Wheeler (8:34.67) and Chris Hopkins (8:35.99). Aigler had a clocking of 1:27.22 in 600 meters.

Georgia Tech overtakes Duke, 25-15, in Wilmington Recreational Hoop

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points win in a very exciting game. They were led by Cailin O'Flaherty with 14 points, Kelly Griffin scored 4 points, and Kelly Valetta had 4 points. Alexis Ferrara played solid defense.

North Carolina never gave up and was led by Erin Duffy with 10 points, Julia Carter scored 4 points, and Shreya Pai had 2 points. Brittany Cavanaugh had 4 steals for North Carolina.

Georgia Tech 25, Duke 15

Georgia Tech pulled out the 10 points win and was led by Lauren McKenna with 14 points, Chloe Castellano added 8 points and Lauren Bennett had 3 points. Krystal Moran played awesome defense.

Duke was led by Taylor Howlett with 5 points, Kaitlyn Curley poured in 4 points and Amanda Richards scored 2 points. Lauren Amazeen had 2 blocks on defense.

Virginia Tech 43,

Florida St. 22

Virginia Tech was on fire all game and was led by Ryan Cahill with 22 points, Megan Priem scored 12 points, and Samantha DePasquale had 6 points. Marina Otis had 6 steals and played outstanding defense. Florida St.'s high scorer was Alexandra Derian with 14 points, Janelle Engrem netted 6 points and Erica Lloyd had 2 points. Casey MacDonald played well on the defensive end.

WNBA - Girls Grades 7-10

Storm 40, Mystics 16

Danielle Polcari was unstoppable as she led the Storm with 19 points. Colleen Kennedy was next in line with 9, and Kristen Keller and Heather Kealos chipped in 4 more points each. Felisha Jean-Francois and Kerry Murphy rounded out the scoring with a basket each. Leading the way for the Mystics was Tara Van Vranken

with 8 points.

Lauren Genovese chipped in 4 points of her own, while Nikkia Marcin and Kristin Ingala completed the scoring with a basket each. Marissa Genovese and Janelle Heenan both played well for their teams.

Liberty 33, Comets 31

The Liberty held on to a two point lead to come away with a close victory over the Comets. Leading the attack was Jennifer Stewart with 17 points. Lisa Capozzi and Lisa Hitchins each had 6 points on the day, while Christine Goggin and Kristiana Tummino completed the scoring with a basket apiece.

The Comets were led by the Luz sisters, Sarah and Nicole, as they scored 12 and 9 points respectively. Shannon Keefe threw in 4 more, and Lauren Powers, Christine Woods, and Kayla Rosetti rounded out the scoring as they each had a

deuce.

Sparks 37, Mercury 34

The Sparks ignited the Mercury for 37 points as they held on to a three point victory. Elizabeth Crannell was on fire, as she finished the day with 17 points.

Emily Crannell, Ryanne Newhouse, and Kim Nasiff chipped in 4 points each. Rounding out the scoring for the Sparks were Elizabeth Jaeschke, Lisa Marie DiOrio, Nicole Kakleas, and Michelle White, each having a basket on

the day.

The Mercury was led by the day's leading scorer, Maggie Brown, with 26 points. Allison Dancewicz, Jessica Bernard, Stefany Barcellos, and Ashley Walsh all scored a deuce to complete the scoring.



Wilmington's, Cailin O'Flaherty(10), grabs the Melrose rebound and starts the fast break during one of Sunday's two 6th grade Travel Team victories.

(courtesy photo)



The Wilmington Knights of Columbus Free Throw champions: Front Row from left to right: Cody Crampton, Ryan McEvoy, Stephen Halas, Brian Halas, Michael Arria; Back Row from left to right: Michelle Woods, Sara Cokash, Lisa Hitchins, Jessica Stuke, Alyssa Kerr

(courtesy photo)

Many champs at K of C Free Throw contest

Winners of the 2007 Knights of Columbus Council Free Throw Contest, sponsored by the Wilmington Knights of Columbus held this past Thursday include:

Girls:	Boys:
10 Sara Cokash	10 Ryan McEvoy
11 Michelle Woods	11 Cody Crampton
12 Lisa Hitchins	12 Stephen Halas
13 Alyssa Kerr	13 Brian Halas
14 Jessica Stuke	14 Michael Arria

Each winner received a trophy and will advance to the District Shoot-out, to be held at the North Intermediate School in Wilmington on February 18th at 1:00pm. Winners there go on to the Regional Shoot-out in March and, hopefully, the States in April.

Thanks to the Wilmington Recreation, School and Athletic Departments for their support and to all the parents and kids who made the Council Shoot-out another success. Everyone was a winner and we welcome all the kids back next year.



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Loss of van does not burn this family

Woburn family rebuilds part of
their life while continuing to
give to others

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

The fire that took their van has not been able to take away the spirit of Woburn resident Laurel Collins and her family as many friends and neighbors have contributed to a fund toward a new one. "That fire was pretty scary," Collins said. "The only reason the van was not in the garage was because it was trash day. Otherwise we might have lost the house."

The fire that completely destroyed the van, took place at 6:30 a.m. on January 8. Collins had been out getting a cup of coffee and her four children - Julia, 9; Andrew, 7; Emily, 6; and Sarah, 4 - were spending the night at their father's house. Collins said she parked the van in the driveway and went into the house.

When she came back out a few minutes later to pick up her newspaper, she saw that the van was smoking. According to her report, in the time that it took her to get back into the house and call the fire department the van became totally engulfed in flames.

According to the fire department report, the fire was the result of a "gross mechanical failure. The insurance company has ruled that the van is a total loss but that it is only worth \$6,000.

There was also some damage to the house but this was mostly broken windows. I her research, Collins estimates that an equal replacement for the van would go at least \$13,000.

However, the loss was not just financial. The van is needed by Collins as three of her four children have special needs.

"Unfortunately when you have four kids you can't downgrade from a mini-van," Collins said.

The most obvious is Andrew, who suffers from a form of Autism. The loss of the van was upsetting to him as it is hard for him to adapt to change.

"It's a big loss for Andrew," Collins said. "Autistic children thrive on the familiar."

Another loss for Andrew was the special stroller that was stored in the car. It has a financial value of \$420 but it is also needed for those times when Andrew is out in the public.

"He has a hard time coping with big crowds and needs the stroller when we go out," Collins said.

Especially with the news that recently came out of Sudbury, it is important to note that Andrew is somewhat shy, but after he warms up to a person he quickly becomes friendly and likes to give hugs.

Collins said, "Andrew is very affectionate; perhaps overly affectionate. He likes to give hugs and he is certainly not a child who is hurting other children in school."

According to research provide by Collins (www.autism speaks.org) there are five types of autism disorders. They include the Asperger Syndrome that the teenager in Sudbury has been diagnosed with, and Andrew's diagnosis of PDD NOS (Pervasive Developmental Disorder).

The website information states: "Autism was first identified in 1943 by Dr. Leo Kanner of Johns Hopkins Hospital. At the same time, a German scientist, Dr. Hans Asperger, described a milder form of the disorder that is now known as Asperger Syndrome."

"These two disorders are listed in the DSM IV (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) as two of the five developmental disorders that fall under the Autism Spectrum Disorders. The others are Rett Syndrome, PDD NOS (Pervasive Developmental Disorder), and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder."

"All of these disorders are characterized by varying degrees of impairment in communication skills and social abilities, and also by repetitive behaviors. For more discussion on the range of diagnoses that comprise Autism Spectrum Disorder."

As for the other kids, Emily, who has not been diagnosed with



LAUREL COLLINS, OF WOBURN (top photo left) sits with her children, all who were not home at the time of a fire that destroyed the family van. Rear from left are Laurel Collins (mother), Andrew (7) and Emily (6). In front are Sarah (4) and Julia (9). At left is the family's charred van.

any special needs, lost some birthday presents, including a Barbie Head doll, that were being stored in the car and Julia lost some books. Although Julia is afflicted with mitochondrial disorder (which takes away her energy and leaves her prone to seizures) she is an avid reader and loves social studies in school.

Julia, who recently returned home from Massachusetts General Hospital, after a few days stay for a seizure, said, "I lost some books."

"I liked it (the van) because when me and mom rode in it together we could talk."

Those private moments can be very important for a nine year-old growing up in a house with three well-mannered but energetic siblings.

One bright light in all of this is that Collins, originally from Burlington, is a very giving person and sits on the Board of the Burlington Presbyterian Church as well as the Board of SpEdWatch, an advocacy group for parents of children with Special Education needs. She is also active in her kids schools - Emily and

Julia go to the Reeves Elementary and Sarah and Andrew attend the Shamrock School. Andrew loves to study weather; Emily loves gym class; and Sarah, who also is prone to seizures and has a speech disorder, loves to do mitten painting in her pre-school class and play with her friends.

Because of their plight, friends set up the Collins Family Fund at the Citizens Bank on Russell Street in West Woburn and that fund has grown to \$1,000 in two short weeks.

Right now the family has the use of a rental van and the insurance company is picking up the cost.

Collins is also well known in the SpEd community for the pro bono work she does for parents who need to advocate for the Individual Education Plans (IEP) for their children with Special Needs. Having three of her own children with IEPs Collins learned early the importance of fighting with the administration to see that the plan is implemented properly and that the child gets the proper services.

SpEdWatch Executive Director and Founder Ellen Chambers wrote the following about Collins; "Despite (the many problems Collins has had to deal with this past year) Laurel spends many hours supporting other parents who need help navigating our state's complex special education and social services systems on behalf of their own children with disabilities. She also serves on the board of her local social service agency, providing other types of help to her community."

"Many have come to rely on Laurel as a ready source of advice and support. She asks nothing in return for all the work she does to help others."

Collins said, "We have had to advocate very strongly getting good services. We had to fight to get home-based services."

However, she is also quick to note that Andrew's aide, Kelly and Julia's aide, Christine, are "phenomenal."

She credits Kelly with the great progress he is making in school this year.

AS if all of this was not enough the Collins family has found time every year, for the past four years to participate as "Andrew's Team" in the Annual National Alliance for Autism Research/Autism Speaks Walk that is held in October at Artesani Park in Brighton. The team has raised over \$15,000 for the sponsoring organization.

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS" HEARTWARMING



"THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS"
GRADE: ****

Imagine living out of a briefcase, the kind that's probably sitting somewhere in a closet in your home. For Will Smith's real-life homeless character, that nightmare has become a reality. He is also toting along a five-year old son.

With the opening caption "inspired by a true story," Smith plays Chris Gardner, a rags-to-riches good guy who often quotes Thomas Jefferson in his pursuit of the American Dream. Taking place in San Francisco in 1981, Chris is trying to lead his family - wife Linda (Thandie Newton) and son Christopher (Smith's real-life son Jaden) - from their lower

middle class existence in a dingy apartment into the good life.

Chris has sunken the family savings into becoming the exclusive distributor of a portable bone density scanner, a nearly impossible to sell medical device.

Throughout the movie we see Chris huffing along with one of the machines seemingly glued to his arm. He

needs to sell two scanners a month to pay the rent and for the day care of his son cheap facility where Happiness is misspelled. His product is not moving.

Worn out from working double shifts as a waitress, Linda no longer buys into the dream. She heads for New York, leaving her family and their troubles behind. You can imagine the angst that Chris now feels. He can't sell his scanners, he can't pay the rent, and the IRS is closing in for back taxes.

As luck would have it, Chris happens upon a new opportunity. He is selected as an unpaid intern for a six-month stockbroker trainee program with Dean Witter. There is no guarantee of a position upon successful completion.

Through a series of mishaps, Chris ends up homeless. After going through the demanding rigors of the internship during the day, Chris has to run like the wind to collect Christopher from day care to get in line for a bed in a homeless shelter. Some nights they are successful; other nights they are not. A public restroom shelters them on one harrowing night.

I sat throughout the film wondering how much worse things could get for Chris. We know there is a happy ending, but the journey there is a rather bumpy road. Throughout it all Will Smith gives the performance of a lifetime. There is one poignant scene where he tells his son, "Don't ever let someone tell you you can't do something. Not even me. You've got a dream; you've got to protect it. You want something, you go get it. Period."

Feeling down on your luck? It's guys like Chris Gardner who will make you appreciate the American Dream.

"THE HITCHER"
GRADE: **

There are few good horror directors working in films these days. Most disregard the importance of the setup to the situations the characters are in and would much rather get on to the gore, forgetting that the opening scenes have as much to do with the later thrills as the villain does.



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"The Hitcher" is directed by Dave Meyers, a man who has made his name at the helm of music videos, so it's hard to understand why anyone would hand him the reins of a horror remake. It opens with a young couple nearly running over a hitchhiker one rainy night and then fleeing the scene rather than stopping to see if he's OK.

It turns out they made the right decision, for when he catches up with them at a gas station... well, I don't want to give too much away, even if this is a remake of the 1986 slasher flick of the same name. Meyers quickly leaves behind any semblance of dread and instead floors it, and the body count starts climbing as fast as the odometer does.

Maybe Meyers felt he was working within the tight time constraints of another Creed or Britney Spears video, but feature films allow the time and space for things such as foreshadowing and build-up. Meyers doesn't fill the screen with choreographed dance numbers instead of these potential plot boosters.

It probably doesn't help that the couple at risk is bland and buffoonish, even by horror-movie standards. Zachary Knighton is the "whiny boyfriend," while

Sophia Bush shows promise in her function as eye candy (at one point she is fleeing from danger in only her underwear, but hey, she stops to cover up a bit by donning a mini-skirt?).

For the killer, the producers have once again gone with a relatively familiar face. The first film featured Rutger Hauer and here we have Sean Bean, Boromir of the "Lord of the Rings" films. Bean does what he can with the material, but the movie is moving too fast for even his talent to help.

Meyers treats plot problems and holes in the script like simply another gaping pothole on an LA freeway, something to hurry over and get past quickly without thinking about them too much.

"PRIMEVAL"
GRADE: *

You know how the ads for "Primeval" don't tell you what the movie's about, except to say that it involves the world's most prolific serial killer? Don't be pulled in by the world's most misleading ad campaign, if you can avoid it.

"Primeval" is almost so bad it's good. There's a lot of really stupid stuff in the

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dark, sloppily edited "Primeval," but my favorite thing is the awe-inspiring self-deception of its producers, who have made a lame horror movie but who think they're saying something important about African genocide. See, the "history's most prolific serial killer" the ads talk about is an evil African warlord and, between attacks by a 25-foot crocodile, "Primeval" periodically stops to observe how wrong genocide is.

The good news is the film isn't long, but the dull "Primeval" doesn't even deliver on the bare minimum this sort of film promises: watching its snotty actors get picked off, one by one. The first snotty disappearance takes an hour to get to and, by that time, it's hard to tell what the movie is doing worse: the monster-on-the-loose stuff or the political hopelessness.

"CHILDREN OF MEN"

GRADE: ****

Pundits have stated for years that the earth is becoming overpopulated with humans, with the end result being the planet's inability to sustain us as a species. But what if suddenly no more babies were born? How would human civilization respond?

That's the premise of "Children of Men," the new disturbing and thought provoking science fiction thriller in the spirit of "Blade Runner." A loose adaptation of the 1993 novel by British mystery writer P.D. James, the story is brought to the screen by the Mexican director Alfonso Cuarón ("Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban").

Set in 2027, Cuarón envisions a planet that has become a chaotic, seedy place. It seems that women have all inexplicably become infertile in 2009 and the world is coming apart at the seams. The opening BBC report shows "Day 1000 of the siege of Seattle," while graffiti declares "Last one to die please turn on the light."

Great Britain has turned into a fascist police state, and the government response is to round up immigrants and place them in cages. A typical day in London is interrupted by an explosion, as insurgent rebels take on government security forces that will conjure up images of life in Iraq as seen on daily TV.

Bureaucrat Theo Faron (Clive Owen) becomes inextricably involved in a plot hashed out by his former mate and now rebel-leader Julian (Julianne Moore) to procure transit papers for the safe passage of an illegal refugee named Kee (Clare-Hope Ashitey) out of the country. It turns out that Kee is eight months pregnant, carrying what would be the first child born in 18 years. It is critical for Kee to be transported to a group called the Human Project for

the study of a cure for infertility.

What follows is a harrowing series of chase scenes as Theo has to navigate his human cargo between the always in pursuit government forces and a small group of rebels that have an entirely different agenda than the Human Project.

Theo can only count on help from one trustworthy friend—an aging stoner holed up in the woods named Jasper (Michael Caine).

The riveting pursuit put this reviewer on the edge of his seat and that alone prompts a recommendation, though the scenes of violence will turn off many people. There is some religious symbolism along with contemporary political issues such as immigration and euthanasia that will prompt discussion, always a sign of a good film.

"WE ARE MARSHALL"

GRADE: ***

"We Are Marshall" is one of those movies that's moving and entertaining, which is a bit surprising considering it's a football movie and directed by someone calling himself "McG.", whose previous credits include "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle."

"Marshall" tells the true story of one of the roughest comebacks in sports history. Nearly the entire Marshall University football team, most of its coaches and several fans died in a 1970 plane crash, leaving the blue-collar town of Huntington, W.Va., reeling.

After the school president (David Strathairn) is talked out of skipping a season, eccentric replacement coach Jack Lengyel (Matthew McConaughey) and his assistant coach (Matthew Fox) take on a tough task. They have to rebuild the team with three surviving varsity players (led by Anthony Mackie) and a shallow lineup of recruited freshmen.

And they face a town full of skeptical, grief-stricken parents, who wonder if the rickety new team "will just be a reminder of what we've lost."

As in most inspirational sports flicks, the sporting matches themselves are the least interesting scenes. The story sticks to the underdog/early-setback/inspirational-speech formula.

The cast is great. The standout is Mackie, who goes from proud to teary in a heartbeat as an injured footballer who feels like he has to carry the team on his shoulders. He's electric.

And McG., working with a handheld camera, just has a really nice feel for story and setting.

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Growing along in Winchester

"Peter Van Aken, chairman of the Planning Board, has abandoned his idea of proposing a moratorium on development in the GBD-2 and GBD-3 districts to an upcoming Town Meeting," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Van Aken first aired the idea of an 18-month moratorium at a Planning Board meeting and introduced it to the selectmen. His intent was to put a temporary freeze on development larger than one- or two-family detached dwellings 'to provide time for the town to study the impact of other uses now available in the aforementioned districts and to prepare plans for the future orderly use of such districts as part of the Comprehensive Master Plan now underway.'"

"While the vision behind the two districts had included more mixed-use buildings which would enhance the economic vitality of the street while respecting residential use, developers have been taking advantage of it to build multi-unit dwelling buildings."

"At recent meetings regarding the development of the former Immaculate Conception property and of 1021 Main St., members of the neighborhood have complained about the density of condominium developments and its attendant problems, notably traffic and parking."

"The Planning Board has acknowledged the need to revisit the GBD-2 and GBD-3 zoning bylaws. As for the moratorium, however, having explored the idea further with land counsel and town counsel, Van Aken concluded that 'this proposed moratorium will not be effective in freezing developments and should not be pursued further....'"

...And Woburn, Reading, Wilmington

"In short order, the City Council made it through its regular agenda in less than 15 minutes, giving quick approval to two extension requests on two of the larger residential projects currently under construction in the city..." notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Officials with Winning Farm, Inc., including developer Robert Murray of Burlington and attorney John McElhiney of Woburn, appeared before the council and received, without discussion, a two-year extension to a special permit to construct its townhouse project off Lexington Street at the Winchester, Lexington line."

"Burlington developer Murray has been joined by Gary Ruping in this development."

"The extension will allow work to continue through January 9, 2009."

"While the approval process was held up largely by appeals of various permits, a current hold up is a request with Massachusetts Highway Department for an access permit."

"Though the permit was filed in 2005, 'we are still working through the process of having that permit approved, which we expect shortly. Regulations did not allow us to apply for the state permits until all local permits had been received,' McElhiney noted in a letter seeking the extension."

"As well, Massachusetts DEP will have to review and approve various plans associated with work done on the site to remove certain fill which will require a certain review and approval period from DEP, McElhiney noted."

"There is also the issue of a sewer extension permit."

"While the applicant is still hopeful of starting work on this project within the next two-year period, we are mindful of the fact that each state of permitting at the state level takes a significant amount of time," he noted.

"The vote to approve the extension was 9-0."

"A total of 147 townhouse units are planned on half the former Winning Farm parcel in Woburn. The remainder of the parcel has been turned back to the city as open space."

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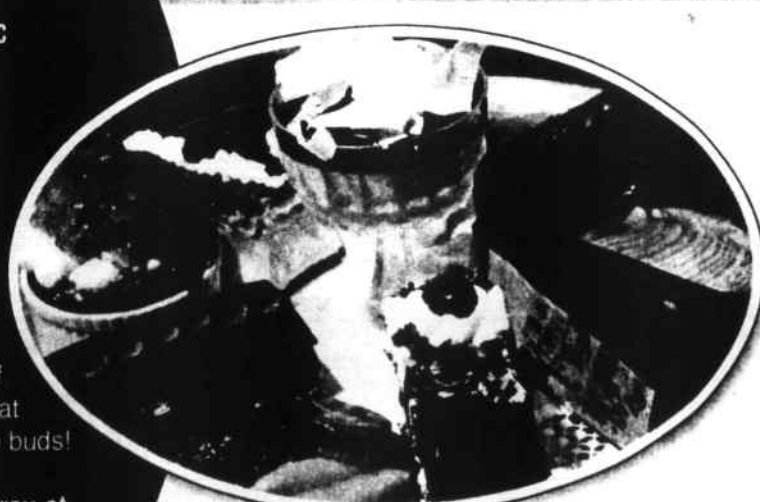
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'Every confidence' in Tewksbury

"The Tewksbury Public Schools participated in an educational audit," notes Tewksbury Superintendent Christine L. McGrath in the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"A team of six individuals from the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability conducted this audit."

"The audit reviewed the progress of our school district across six areas. These areas included Leadership, Governance and Communication, Curriculum and Instruction, Assessment and Program Evaluation, Human Resource Management and Professional Development, Access Participation and Student Academic Support, and Financial and Asset Management. These six areas represent 57 separate performance standards."

"We formed a steering committee to prepare for this audit. The committee prepared an exhaustive list of materials providing evidence of our work across these standards and indicators. In addition, we supplied the audit team with supplement-

tal materials including curriculum guides, student handbooks, district and school improvement plans, collective bargaining agreements and many other required materials.

"During their visit, the audit team interviewed the administration, faculty, School Committee, Town Manager, leadership of the Teachers Association and parents and guardians who serve as school council members. They visited classrooms to observe our educational process, and they reviewed our personnel file. They reviewed the duplicate set of materials concerning the standards, indicators and supportive materials."

"Preparing for this audit was a labor intensive process.... We were pleased to share the 'story' of the Tewksbury Public Schools with the audit team. We have every confidence that this audit will further improve the work that we do on behalf of our students."

'Engaged learning' in Reading

"The Reading Technology and Education Foundation has received 18 teacher grant

requests from two elementary schools and both middle schools totaling over \$52,000," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"These are requests for technology (not currently provided by the school department) to be used to support innovative instructional practices for engaged learning."

"Our most recent fundraiser, the 5th Annual Festival of Trees netted over \$9,000 but we are well short of our goal of providing partial funding for as many teacher technology grants as possible. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the RTEF. All donations over \$50.00 receive a copy of the Readingopoly board game, a perfect gift!"

"Help us achieve our goal of raising \$30,000! Mail tax-deductible donations to RTEF, 82 Oakland Road, Reading, MA 01867 or donate online at <http://www.rtef.net>."

'Hefty and unprecedented' in Lynnfield

"The initial school budget proposal for the 2008 fiscal year calls for almost seven new positions at the High School to mitigate crowded classrooms caused by increasing enrollment numbers," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"One thing that has to stand out is that it's the enrollment increase that's driving things," said Superintendent Richard Palermo.

"Palermo also said the district is in negotiations with the teachers for a new contract."

"We're going to need to negotiate a fair contract with comparable communities, and it's going to be a cost," he said. "We're not looking to be the top of our comparables; we certainly don't want to be the bottom."

"Palermo said both he and the School Committee feel strongly about the school administrators having a chance to share and explain their budget proposals with the committee and the com-

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA

What player did the Boston Celtics draft between won-lost seasons of 29-53 and 61-21?

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•JACQUI BARRETT, UMASS LOWELL (FR., WOBURN, MA)

was named the Northeast-10 Women's Field Freshman of the Week for the fourth straight time as she won the shot put at the Greater Boston Track Club Invitational on Saturday, January 17, 2007 held at Harvard University with a throw of 41' 9.75". Barrett is the only

munity. The goal, Palermo said, is continuous improvements.

"I, as the educational leader, feel we have a responsibility to do that," he said. "That doesn't mean we're not aware of the fiscal restraints of the town. We're aware that a Proposition 2 1/2 override will not be proposed."

"The superintendent emphasized that the budget proposal on the table is not a request, and that he has not yet made a recommendation."

"I've asked my administrators to ask for what they need; not what they want, but what they need," Palermo said. "We're very aware that this proposal being over 11 percent is very hefty and unprecedented in the school department. But the enrollment - those are the numbers.... These are kids who are here, basically. That's the dilemma we'll have as a school department...."

If you'd like to read about your favorite school, student or teacher in "School Notes," please send school newsletters and other relevant information to Phyllis Nissen, "School Notes," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net. We welcome student writing.

Northeast-10 athlete to be named athlete of the week in his or her category every week this season.

•WAKEFIELD'S BRITTANEY KELLEHER was recently ranked second in scoring in the Middlesex League with 171 points, good for a 14.3 points per game average.

•READING'S MARY SILVIA was recently ranked third in scoring in the Middlesex League with 152 points, good for a 13.8 points per game average.

•THE READING RECREATION DIVISION AND FRIENDS OF READING RECREATION

(FORR) will be hosting Family Skate Day at Castine Field (next to the lighted softball field across from Birch Meadow Elementary School). Bring your own

skates and mittens, FORR will provide hot chocolate. The event is free and open to the public. The event will be rescheduled or canceled if the ice is not in skating condition.

"This will be a great chance for the entire family to get out of the house, do something active, and enjoy a fun New England winter tradition," stated Peter Coumounduros, President of FORR. "This will be FORR's first event of 2007, but we have a number of other events and activities planned throughout the year."

Friends of Reading Recreation was incorporated in 2006 as a tax-exempt charitable non-profit organization 501(c)(3) to seek private sector support to expand leisure and recreational opportunities in the Town of Reading. FORR's volunteer efforts and fundraising help reduce the cost of the Recreation Department's Programs, allow additional program development, and offers recreation scholarships for families with financial constraints. Providing enjoyable programs for families and positive alternatives for youth is the primary goal of

FORR.

For information about FORR, please visit the FORR website at www.FORR01867.org. To get involved with FORR or make a donation, you can contact Pete Coumounduros at petegc@cargo-transport.com or (781) 944-8886. You can help support FORR by making a donation or pledge, giving "In Memory of" or "In Honor of," becoming a corporate sponsor, or volunteering your time to assist in FORR's programs.

For more information about Family Skate Day, you can contact recreation@ci.reading.ma.us or info@FORR01867.org.

•The Emmanuel College Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Teams competed at the University of Southern Maine Invitational Meet. JUNIOR MIKE THURNAUER (READING, MA) set a personal best time in the 400m.

•Need some help with this week's question? His number is now retired.

•MORGAN HOSKING OF NORTH READING was a junior member of the Westfield State women's volleyball team that finished the season with a 16-16 overall record and placed second in the Mass. State Conference with a 5-1 record. The 5-10 outside hitter/middle blocker was one of the team's top reserve players.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The correct answer is Larry Bird.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, MA, 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

Snow Challenge for Jimmy Fund Feb. 10

Put on your boots. Grab your skis, snowboards, and goggles. It's time to hit the slopes for the 12th annual CSC Jimmy Fund Snow Challenge, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Skiers and snowboarders of all abilities are invited to Nashoba Valley Ski Area for team and individual racing to support cancer research and care for adults and children at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The day-long event includes an outdoor barbecue lunch, après ski party and auction.

"We hope skiers, snowboarders, companies, families and groups of friends will come out to have fun while supporting the life-saving mission of the Jimmy Fund," says Didier Putzeys, Computer Science Corporation (CSC) Senior Partner. "CSC and its volunteers

have been dedicated to this event year after year helping to make a difference in the lives of those fighting cancer."

The entry fee for a four-person race team is \$240 and for individual racers, \$70. For every \$150 raised above the registration fee, one second is deducted from the final race time, so everyone has a chance to win! If you don't want to race, there is an option to buy a lift ticket with lunch for just \$50 to support the Jimmy Fund.

The CSC Jimmy Fund Snow Challenge is Nashoba Valley's only charity race at the mountain. Nashoba Valley is in Westford, Mass., just a mere 45 minutes from Boston, featuring 100 percent snowmaking and wide-open, tree-lined trails.

Jimmy Fund to S-5

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FOOD TASTING

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A Food Tasting evening will be held on Sunday, February 11 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Burbank YMCA sponsored by the Reading Rotary.

Numerous restaurants and food suppliers will participate. The cost is \$20 per person or \$50 for families for mom, dad and children under 10.

Tickets are on sale at the Burbank YMCA as well as the Reading Co-op Bank on Haven Street in Reading and at the Reading Chronicle, 531 Main Street or call Pat Schettini, Chairman at 781-942-3790 or Rich Lombardo at 781-944-4283.

LASAGNA LUNCHEON AND GIFT PARTY FEBRUARY 11

A Lasagna Luncheon and a Gift Party will be held at the North Reading Masonic Hall, 283 Park Street, North Reading on Sunday, February 11 at 1 p.m. The menu will consist of lasagna, salad, dessert, coffee, tea and diet or regular soda.

Following lunch there will be a Gift Party which consists of numerous gifts that have been donated by members.

It is always a fun time. Reservations for the luncheon are necessary. They can be made with Judy Downs 978-664-6200 by Friday, February 9. This event is sponsored by Mount Carmel Chapter No. 230 Order of the Eastern Star, a not for profit organization.

HOBODANCE IN WOBURN

The Singles Squares will hold a Hobo Dance on Sunday, February 11 with Mainstream with 2 pl tips from 2 - 5 p.m.

The caller is John Hendron, cuer is Barbara Strong. The location is St. Anthony's Hall, 1020 Main St. (Rte 38N) Woburn. For information call Bev at 781-272-4185 or Eva 781-990-2637.

FIREARM SAFETY COURSE IN NORTH READING

The North Reading Rifle Club, 242 Central Street, will host a firearm safety course, Wednesdays March 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. You must attend both dates.

Certified instructors will explain firearm operation, safe handling, storage, transporta-

tion and laws. Each participant will shoot a rifle, revolver and semi-automatic hand gun.

A certificate required by Massachusetts law, when applying for a Class A or B license to carry or firearms identification card will be issued to everyone completing the course.

A license is required to purchase, possess or carry a firearm. To register or for more information call Robert Rose at 978-664-2703 after 6 p.m.

DIGITAL PHOTO AND PHOTOSHOP DEMO

The Reading Art Association will present "Digital Photography and the Power of Photoshop", a demonstration by Joe Brown and Bud Thorpe on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Guild Hall, Congregational Church (middle side door) Sanborn Street, Reading.

"Digital Photography and the Power of Photoshop" is a joint production of Joe Brown and William "Bud" Thorpe. This demonstration will include a quick photo shoot, a small seminar on Photoshop, and an immediate printing session using some of the latest and greatest digital photo equipment and showing how it can be adapted to whatever equipment you own, for as you know, it is not the equipment, it is the person using it that makes the photo.

Bud Thorpe resides in Amherst, NH and has been a photographer for most of his adult life. One of Bud's passions - teaching photography - manifests itself as New England Digital Photography Workshops (NEDPW.com), where he teaches a variety of classes on photography, lighting, and Photoshop.

Joe Brown is currently a photographer for the Reading Daily Times Chronicle and Woburn Daily Times chain of newspapers. He has been with the papers for the past 18 years and has watched the newspaper industry change from the old days of black and white film and darkrooms to the newest digital applications and cameras. His web presence, www.joebrownphotos.com, is a showcase of his work and a

sales portal which has a large following in the local area. Joe is a native of Woburn and a member of the Woburn Guild of Artists, having won numerous ribbons in its competitions.

Light refreshments will be served.

SPRING TREE, SHRUB AND PERENNIALS SALE

The Middlesex Conservation District will be holding its annual Spring Tree, Shrub and Perennial Sale on Friday, April 27 from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday April 28 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The sale will be held at the 4H Fairgrounds on South Chelmsford Road in Westford. All items can be pre-ordered through March 30 and picked up on the sale days. Order early, all items are sold on a first come, first served basis.

To place an order, download an order form from the website www.middlesexconservation.org or call 978-692-9395 to request a brochure. Offerings will include tree and shrub seedlings, perennials, herbs, fruits, groundcovers and hardgoods such as compost bins, deer repellent, kitchen scrap buckets and fertilizers. Excess first quality stock will be sold on the days listed. There will also be specialty items for sale not listed in the brochure.

The Middlesex Conservation District is a not-for-profit environmental agency whose purpose is conservation of natural resources in Middlesex County. Proceeds from the biannual plant sales fund programs to improve water quality, preserve open space, establish erosion control and provide environmental education. For more information visit www.middlesexconservation.org.

TRAINING GRANTS FOR VETERANS

The Massachusetts Division of Career Services has received a Veterans Training Grant from the Department of Labor that provides money to Mass. veterans who want to upgrade their skills by attending an approved educational facility.

For additional information, Mass. veterans may call any of the following: Workforce Central, Southbridge 508-765-6430. Workforce Central,

Milford 508-478-4300 or Workforce Central Worcester 508-799-8020.

SINGLES CLUB HAS MANY ACTIVITIES

The Singles Executive Club has many events planned in February and March. They include a dance at the Best Western, 477 Totten Pond Road in Waltham. on Friday, February 2.

A Valentine Party will be held at Raffael's 1601 Main Street, Rte 1A in Walpole, 508-668-8071. A St. Patty's Weekend is planned at th Eastover Resorts from March 16 - 18. Cost about \$300. 781-283-0400 for info.

Contact Singles Events for you at www.se-4u.com.

COOTIE PARTY/PIZZA IN TEWKSBURY

The Tewksbury-Wilmington Emblem Club No. 381 is hosting a Cootie Party and Pizza on Sunday February 11 at noon at the Tewksbury-Wilmington Lodge of Elks, 777 South Street, Tewksbury.

There is a donation of \$. The public is welcome. Call 781-729-0912 or any member of the Emblem Club for information.

RUG HOOKING EXPERT IN NORTH READING

The North Reading Historical and Antiquarian Rug Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Third Meeting House (building on the common). They will present Happy DiFranzo a rug hooking expert and teacher.

Come and see her prize winning rugs. Refreshments will be served.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER FEBRUARY 3

The public is invited to the last monthly Ham and Bean Supper of the season sponsored by Mount Carmel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, a charitable organization. This event will take place on Saturday, February 3 with continuous servings from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the North Reading

Jimmy Fund

From S-4

For more information go to www.jimmyfund.com/snow, or call Didier Putzeys at 781-290-1447, or send an email to jtski@csc.com. To sign up, just go to the mountain the day of the event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., racing at noon, and awards and cancer survivor stories start at 3 p.m.

Masonic Hall, 283 Park Street.

In addition to the regular menu of 5 kinds of beans including chili beans, piping hot homemade baked macaroni and cheese, homemade cole slaw, Italian and brown breads and pies, the special of the month will be clam chowder.

There is choice of beverage .All this for a donation of \$6 for 9 and up, or \$4 for ages 8 and under.

For directions or questions call Judy Downs at 978-664-6200.

HAM RADIO CLASSES START IN MARCH

The Quannapowitt Radio Association is offering weekly amateur (Ham) radio classes, leading to the attainment of the Technician (beginner level) amateur radio license. Classes start on Monday March 5 at 7 p.m. and continue Mondays to April 23.

The license examination will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 8 a.m. Classes and examination will be held at the Community Training Room, located at the Reading police station, 15 Union Street. The fee is \$50, which covers the cost of the official training manual, room rental and exam fee. The classes are open to all, although it is suggested that students be at least 12 years of age.

Registration includes a 1 year complimentary membership to the Quannapowitt Radio Assn., which conducts interesting meetings monthly, as well

as an annual field day.

After passing the exam, help will be given to students to setup their radio stations. Contact any of the following instructors: Tom Cefalo (Winchester) 781-721-2503 wlex@verizon.net, Tom Charbonneau (Reading) 781-258-0625 tcharbon@verizon.net. or Jim Fisk (Andover) 978-475-7284 jimbogrq@verizon.net.

FABULOUS FRIENDS AT LINDEN TREE

On Saturday, February 10, the Linden Tree Coffeehouse continues its 22nd series of acoustic music with fabulous friends from far away. First time in Wakefield will be Tim Grimm, an Indiana Singer-songwriter, actor, and hay farmer. Returning to the Linden tree stage is Heidi Muller with her new singing partner Bob Webb from West Virginia.

Tim Grimm is a first rate songwriter. He closely observes everyday life, its moments of joy and pleasure. After a successful career as an actor in Los Angeles in TV's Reasonable Doubts and feature films, Tim and his wife moved back to an Indiana farmhouse. There he began writing songs again, releasing his new country-folk album, Heart Land, to critical acclaim.

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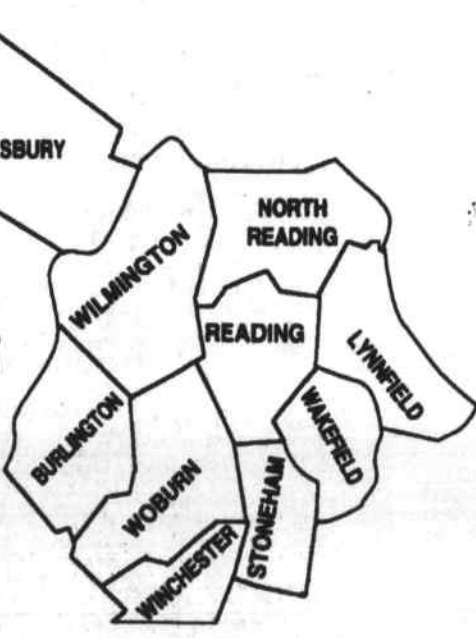
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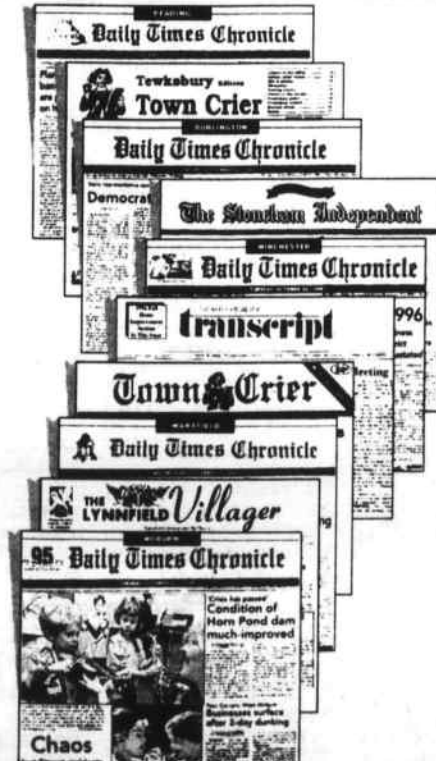
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School parent Advisory Council, 100 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, is sponsoring its twelfth annual art/photo exhibit, Wednesday, January 31 during Parent/Teacher Conference Night.

The public is invited to attend from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Main conference Room. A wide selection of creative pieces will be on display. Several mediums include: watercolor, acrylic, pastel, pencil, color pencil, gouache, mixed media, along with com-

puter art, color and black and white photography. Students in grades 9 - 12 will be participating.

Judges will select "Best of Show" and patrons will vote for the "Most Popular" entry.

Students whose works place in each of the categories will be honored in an assembly, and awards along with art and photo supplies will be presented to the winners. The Northeast Parent Advisory Council is proud of the artistic accomplishments of all the student presenters,

and they look forward to welcoming all to this year's exhibit. For more information call 781-246-0810, x1643.

FIDDLER, FOLKSINGER COMES TO READING

The Ivy Chord will present on Saturday, February 3 Lissa Schneckenburger, New England fiddler and folksinger at 8 p.m.

The Ivy Chord Coffee House is located at the Old South United Methodist Church, 6 Salem Street in Reading. (Corner of Rte. 28 and 129 in downtown Reading.)

Lissa Schneckenburger is a world class New England fiddler and singer.

For advance ticket sales call 781-944-0494 (M-F 9 a.m. to noon) or 781-229-9394 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) bethpiano@rcn.com.

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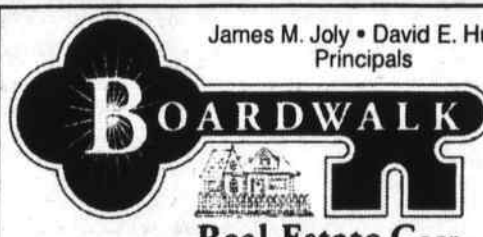
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Winchester Community Music School faculty recital featuring an evening of love songs presented by soprano Carola Emrich-Fisher. She will be joined by the Libella Vocal Quartet, Aimee Tsuchiya piano, Melissa Glasier, soprano, Norina Rowen, soprano and Maurice Cahen, guitar. Solo and vocal chamber music by Handel, Mozart, Schumann, Barber, Sor, Delibes and Puccini.

The date is Monday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at 407 Highland Avenue Winchester. Free admission. For information call 781-721-2950 or www.winchestermusic.org.

ANTIQUITY SHOW IN MALDEN

The 21st annual Antiquity Show presented by the Malden Historical Society will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish Episcopal, 26 Washington Street, Malden.

From Routes 93 and 99 take Route 60 to Main Street in Malden Center, take Pleasant Street off Main Street and follow signs to show. 5 minutes from MBTA. It is handicapped accessible, convenient validated parking, refreshments.

For additional information call 781-338-9365. Admission \$5. SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR IN ANDOVER

Although it will be a few months yet before winter gives way to spring, high school and middle school students can get a jump on their summer plans by attending Phillips Academy's 17th annual Summer Opportunities Fair on Sunday, February 4.

The fair, which is free and open to the public, gives students and their families a chance to meet with representatives from more than 70 local, national and international summer programs as well as inter-

im year programs.

Among the wide range of programs that will be represented at the fair are those that focus on academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, international homestay, interim year, travel, internships, community service, camps, arts, sports and more.

The fair will be open to PA students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and to the general public from noon to 2 p.m. It will be held in the Commons. The event is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Summer Opportunities Office and the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy (PSPA).

For more information call 978-749-4480 or

www.andover.edu/summerops/fair

CEO OF MASSPORT BREAKFAST FORUM

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce Economic and Public Policy Breakfast Forum at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7 at the Peabody Marriott Hotel will feature a talk by CEO and Executive Director of Massport Thomas J. Kinton Jr. Mr. Kinton lives in Winchester and grew up in Woburn.

Kinton has been Acting Executive Director and CEO since July 1 and has been with Massport for 30 years and is a well known and respected aviation professional.

He has served as Aviation Director since 1993, responsible for all activities and operations of Boston Logan International Airport, Hanscom Field in Bedford and Worcester Regional Airport.

The focus of Kinton's work over the past several years has been oversight of safety and security of the authority's airport holdings and efficiency of operations during Logan's \$4.4 billion modernization effort.

The Mass. Port Authority is a world-class independent public authority which develops, promotes and manages airports, the seaport and transportation infrastructure to enable Massachusetts and New England to compete successfully in the global marketplace.

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CAMELLIA BLOOMING AT THE LYMAN ESTATE

The Lyman Estate greenhouses will celebrate the annual Camellia Blooming Days from February 5 through March 3, Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus two Sundays February 4 and 11.

There is a time in midwinter when the Lyman Estate Greenhouses burst into flower. Just when winter is bleakest, the Estate's Camellia House, built in 1830, is clad in a blizzard of pink, red and white blossoms.

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The Lyman Estate Greenhouses are located at 185 Lyman Street in Waltham. To reach the Estate take Route 128 to exit 27A, Totten Pond Road; follow Totten Pond Road to the end and turn right onto Lexington Street; take a left onto Beaver Street and continue to the Estate at the rotary.

PARKER RIVER ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge will be holding its annual meeting and membership drive on Sunday, February 4 at 1 p.m. at the

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, 500 Avenue, Newburyport. The public is invited to join the Friends for this exciting day which features a fantastic presentation by renowned naturalist and rehabilitator Marcia Wilson "Eyes on Owls."

"Who's Watching Who? Owls of the World" is Marcia's exciting hour-long presentation about the natural history of owls. This presentation will focus on identifying owls through their field marks, the calls, and the signs that they leave behind and will introduce you to live owls up close.

The public is invited to participate in this wonderful presentation and learn more about the Friends as a support organization for the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge.

The Friends will be convening its annual meeting immediately following "Who's Watching You?" and all Friends members are invited to attend. Memberships will be available the day of the presentation.

Transfers

from S-9

rion Winc. Garden LLC for \$270,000.

21 EDWARD DRIVE U:21 was sold to Amy McDermott by To Neuman for \$488,000.

12-14 RUSSELL ROAD was sold to ENAP LLC by Carroll R. Est. and Margaret Gallagher for \$430,000.

84 SHERIDAN CIRCLE was sold to David Stuthbert by O'Donnell Alice Est. and Howard Hackett for \$425,000.

384-386 WASHINGTON STREET was sold to Nicole Guidoboni by Julie and Matthew Zalewski for \$660,000.

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3 BALDWIN GREEN COMMON U:310 was sold to Krist Wigandt by Donna and Francis Bumann for \$152,900.

41 BURLINGTON STREET was sold to Peter Carpenter and Patrick Carpenter by P&J Rt. and Julia Carpenter for \$625,000.

45 MERRIMAC STREET U:3A was sold to Michelle Donegan by Chansamon Nussath and Chansamon Sinthara for \$270,000.

4 MOSTIKA ROAD was sold to Dennis Sullivan by HSBC Bank USA for \$285,000.

55 POOLE STREET was sold to Dawn and Mark Hammond by Shelley and Chester Young for \$285,000.

48 RICHARD CIRCLE was sold to Carmelina and Carolin Maccanico by Joseph Fallis for \$320,000.

126 RUSSELL STREET was sold to Elizimar Eller by Jol Lambers T. and William Hanley for \$363,000.

5 SAMOSET ROAD was sold to James and Terry McKeon by Michael Snow for \$250,000.

1 TURKS WAY was sold to Arthur Tourkantonis by Beth A. Bennett and Ralph Bennett for \$500,000.

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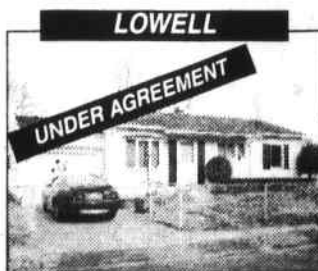
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